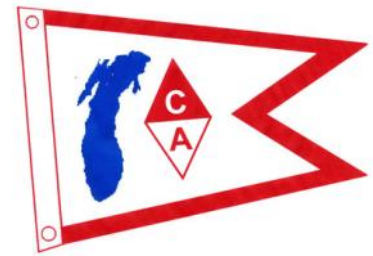


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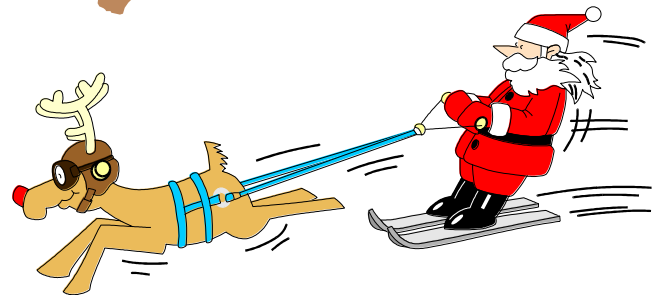


Christmas Party

Saturday, December 10th...that is the revised date of the annual LMCA Christmas Party. This is a change from the date we announced in the October newsletter. We are hoping that this date may allow more members the opportunity to attend. Rod & Jo Schmidt will be hosting this evening of camaraderie. Their Santa Claus collection helps to make it a cheerful time. The festivities will get underway at 6:00pm. Desserts will be provided. You are asked to bring a bottle of wine to share or any other beverage you'd rather drink.

Commodore Van Sweden will also be announcing the results of the elections for 2012 officers and Board members and recognize those whose terms are expiring.

The holidays are certainly a busy time of year, but why not plan to celebrate with your Catalina Family.



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Jon & Mary Bontekoe and their French River boat. See and hear much more at their presentation at Spring Thing 2012!

Spring Thing 2012

As we approach the Winter Solstice, Spring seems a long way off, but the cold and dark of winter will give way once more to longer days and brighter skies. We will all be ready to get our boats in the water and begin another season of sailing. However, before we start the sailing season, we will have an opportunity to gather with our Catalina Family and catch up on winter happenings. Spring Thing 2012 will feature a presentation by Jon & Mary Bontekoe. They will take us vicariously with them on their Fall 2011 French River Cruise.

Dave Visser, is heading up this prelude to summer. For now, pencil in the 2nd and 3rd Saturday's in April. Complete details will appear in *the Inland C's* as they are finalized.

by: Commodore,
Rick Van Sweden

View from the Helm



"Real integrity stays in place whether the test is adversity or prosperity."

- Chuck Swindoll -

I hope all of you had an enjoyable Thanksgiving Day. Ruth & I were blessed with having all our children and grandchildren at home with us to share this special day. Of course, as most of you did, we all over ate and still are feeling the effects two days

later. Now we get to start over with the leftovers. Even though the world as well as our own country is filled with uncertainties, we still have much to be thankful for. I hope all of you find happiness and joy during this Christmas Holiday Season.

Over the past few years the board as well as some of you have seen a change in the interest and attitudes of our club members as have other clubs around the country. With all the activities and functions people have at their disposal today, it is hard to be creative and produce events that keep members excited and willing to participate. What events to schedule, as well as the number and time of year presents a real challenge. The board is currently putting together a survey to go out to the members that addresses a lot of these issues. It will go

out this winter and I encourage you all to fill it out with your answers and recommendations as soon as possible. In this way we can get a pulse of the membership (a little medical lingo there) and plan accordingly.

Rod and Jo Schmidt again have graciously invited all LMCA members to their home for a dessert party to be held on Saturday, December 10th. This is a date change from December 5th which was announced in the last Inland C's. If you haven't been to this annual event you have missed a trip to a Christmas Wonderland. How they have their house decorated is a must see. Ruth and I hope to see you there for some Christmas cheer.

Keep a steady course and have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Rick

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The Board wants to take this opportunity to thank them for their continued encouragement and support. During this holiday season we extend to them our wishes for a Merry Christmas, a Happy New Year and continued success in the coming years.

2012 Strictly Sail Show and Catalina Fleet 21 Winter Rendezvous



The Winter Rendezvous Continues to Go RETRO!!!!

Due to popular demand, we will continue to go back to the good old days when we supplied our own lavish hors d'oeuvre dinner and beverages. We have again reserved a block of beautiful two-room suites at the Embassy Suites at a terrific price.

As we did last year, we will take over about ½ of the Embassy's huge atrium lobby for our rendezvous. Please plan to bring a great 'dinner' hors d'oeuvre and any other snacks you'd like to share for the evening and don't forget your favorite beverage as well. Paper plates, napkins, plastic ware and glasses will be provided. For those who prefer, there is also a cash bar in the lobby that will be available that evening.

We'll meet in the Embassy Atrium Lobby at 8:00 p.m. after the Strictly Sail Show closes on Saturday to enjoy Fleet 21/LMCA camaraderie and of course a visit with Frank Butler and Sharon Day. So don't delay. Make your hotel reservations today and plan to join us for this great annual event.

Strictly Sail Show: Navy Pier – January 26-29, 2012

Winter Rendezvous: Embassy Atrium Lobby – 8:00 p.m. – Saturday, January 28th

Hotel: Embassy All Suites Downtown/Lakefront – 2 blocks from Navy Pier
511 North Columbus Drive, Chicago, IL 60611

Fleet 21 Rate -- \$99/night – two-room suite (King or Two Doubles)
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and reservations must be made by the December 27, 2011 deadline in
order to guarantee this special rate.**

Book Online: It's easy to reserve your room online using the link below which you can type or copy into your web browser. It takes you directly to our special Catalina Fleet 21 registration site. (This link can also be found on our Fleet 21 website.)

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Parking: Embassy Suites has self parking for \$42 or valet parking for \$49 per day. Several self-park lots/garages are also in the vicinity at comparable rates as well as very reasonable overnight parking at Navy Pier.

Questions? Call Madalyn Duerr, Chairman – 708/429-0005

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Smokin' Scovilles Turkey Chili

Rod Schmidt
REBECCA
Catalina 36

A great cold weather dish, I adapted this recipe from allrecipes.com. I have made this many times and we really love it. It's also tasty with ground beef instead of ground turkey.

Editor:
If you have a recipe you'd be willing to share... please send it to me, Rod Schmidt, rod@rodandjo.com .

Ingredients:

- 1 Tbs. olive oil
- ½ onion, chopped
- 2 ½ cloves garlic, minced
- 1 small green bell pepper, seeded and chopped
- 1 lb. lean ground turkey
- 1 Tbs. chili powder
- 1 tsp. red pepper flakes *(optional)*
- 1 ½ tsp. paprika
- 1 ½ tsp. ground cumin
- 1 tsp. dried oregano
- ½ tsp. ground black pepper
- 1 tsp. seasoned salt
- 1 ½ tsp. Worcestershire sauce
- ½ tsp liquid smoke flavoring
- 1 (14.5 oz) can diced tomatoes with green chili peppers
- ½ (8 oz) can tomato sauce
- 1 can kidney beans
- ¼ C. whole kernel corn

Directions:

1. Heat the olive oil in a large saucepan over medium heat. Add the onion, garlic & green peppers; cook until the onion is transparent. Push these to one side of the pot and crumble in the ground turkey. Cover, and cook for about 5 minutes, stirring occasionally, or until the meat is no longer pink. Stir everything together so the garlic doesn't burn.
2. Season with chili powder, red pepper flakes, paprika, cumin, oregano, pepper, and seasoned salt. Stir in Worcestershire sauce, liquid smoke, diced tomatoes with green chilies, tomato sauce, kidney beans and corn. Partially cover the pan and simmer over medium heat for about 50 minutes, stirring occasionally. Remove from the heat and allow to cool for a few minutes before serving. Garnish with shredded cheese.

(If additional heat and spiciness is desired, add habañero pepper, seeded and chopped and/or hot pepper sauce.)



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