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Photos and more photos of the revelers. Pumpkin mousse for dessert!

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The Race Committee does its thing. The awards are given. Smile!

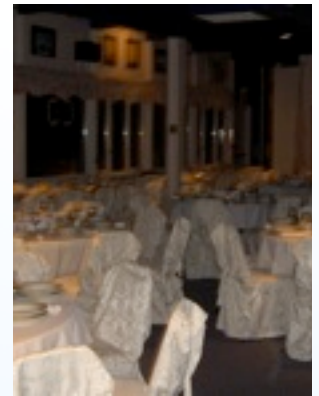
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RIYC RACE BANQUET 2010

Every year the skippers and crews look forward to the Race Banquet with anticipation of camaraderie and awards after a season of intense, friendly competition.

Everyone has a pretty good idea of which yachts will be awarded the prizes, but that does not affect the buzz of excitement in the air. This year the banquet was catered by Latitudes as the club kitchen was not available. The turnout was large, over 90 people. In fact, there was barely room to negotiate around the tables! This made for some interesting jockeying as the award recipients wound their



The Annual Race Banquet awaiting the guests.



way to the front of the room. The waitstaff had to be very careful, as well.

Most of all, the bartender (this is the RIYC after all!) had to contend with serving everyone while not running out of fresh barware.



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Cocktail hour



Everything is set for a lovely evening.

Actually, we hardly recognize some of these folks when they are dressed up for an evening out. For example, have you ever seen the guy to the left in a suit? Neither have we.



Below are the Merry Wives of Meddler.



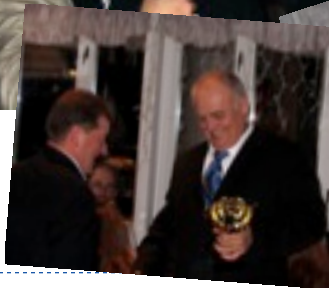
Well, no, we really don't use these instruments in racing, but they do look nautical!



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With dinner completed, it is time for the awards!

Mike Moan, Race Committee Chair and PRO, did an outstanding job of organizing the race season, and it really showed during the awards ceremony. See the faces below for real winner's smiles.



Meddler takes away the most trophies, again!

As if there was ever any doubt that they would take first place in the A class, and to top it off, they got the seamanship award, too! They sailed with the spinnaker up in 25 knot winds during the last race. Who else would do that!? Well done, guys. Our hats are off to you.



Rico's announcement

The crew members will be recognized.

Rico Curti, P.C. has established a future award for an outstanding crew member in memory of Barry Lindia. We are all indebted to Rico for this award. Every week, the dedicated crews give their hearts and souls - not to mention their strength - to sail fast and clean to bring the boats and their crew back safely in winning style. They give so much without hope of recognition, while the skippers get the glory. Now, they will have an award of their own to sweeten the competition.

That's a lot better than the beer after each race, isn't it? Yeah, we thought so too, Rob!



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At the end, it was time to give Mike his well deserved thanks from all of us.

Few of us realize what a tremendous amount of work happens behind the scenes to have a safe and successful race season. Mike did much more than attend board meetings and officiate during race nights. He had to attend training from the US Racing Association to know the rules to apply and which flags to fly - like the one to recall the boats that are over the line early! To assure fairness, he had to organize judges for contested races results and for protests between boats. There are the courses to choose and weather to watch.

Mike also had to coordinate our races and crews with other clubs on the bay for the intramural races, such as the Gaspee Day race and the QDYC. It was not an easy task to find boats that were able to participate in these races. As much as we love racing, the weekends are usually times

for family events and just plain sailing for pleasure.

Mike also did a great job with the race committee. After all, how many guys do you have to coordinate to make sure the committee boat does not drift away from the mark? He gave us each a turn at being PRO for a day under his guidance. Thanks to this, George Asktin was ready to step up to the leadership when Mike was ready to step down. Real leaders prepare someone to be their replacement.

So, for all that he did over the course of 2010, including organizing the banquet, the awards, and the engravings on the permanent trophies, we thank him!



Until next season, farewell from your race committee:

Michael Moan, Race Chair

George Asktin

Al Coleman

Piers Curry

Leah Holmes

David Lyon



George Asktin, 2011 Race Chair