



September 2008

Dear CBC Members,

Where does the summer go? After a great year with plenty of sunshine for all boaters and enough wind for the sailboats, the season is now winding down. The club will remain open through September but will be open Friday through Sunday only and will fully close for the season on September 28. I would like to thank our club manager Sheryll Ulich and all her staff for another fine year. The food and service was great! This year was the 70th anniversary of the Casper Boat Club and we celebrated with a host of events throughout the year. I send my thanks to Vice Commodore and Entertainment Committee Chair Sonya Gruner for her hard work in coordinating these events.

On August 23 the annual meeting of the club was held and a new board member was elected and new officers for 2009 were named. For 2009 your Flag Officers are:

Sonya Gruner - Commodore
Nick Hopkins - Vice Commodore
Lee Burgess - Secretary
Tom Brauer - Treasurer

Mike Lockard was elected to fill the seat being vacated by David Simonson whose term ends December 31, 2008 and Nick Hopkins and I were reelected to three year terms.

The remainder of the board will be:

Pete Ashbaugh
Don Claunch
Jim Coffman
Kim Harvey
Mike Lockard

Minutes from the 2008 annual meeting can be found on the club website.

It was my pleasure at the annual meeting this year to award a Commodore's Commendation to member Chuck Bower for his dedicated service to the club. Chuck was Commodore in 1989 and he is always ready to help with any project that comes along. His dedication to the club is outstanding and it is my privilege to recognize Chuck for all he has done and to call him a friend.

It seems over the summer a large amount of the club's barware found new homes outside the club. Sheryll is asking that if you have any glasses that belong to the club that you please return them prior to the club closing this fall. This will help in keeping expenses down for the following year. Thank you.

The club would not be the success that it is without the work of a number of volunteers who give their time, talent and energy to making things happen. I would like to thank the entire board who works throughout the year on a variety of projects. I would also like to thank all who have given their time to the club this year and also to the membership as a whole who help greatly by utilizing the club and following all club rules. Thanks to you all.

Finally, I was deeply saddened by the accident that occurred at the lake over Labor Day weekend that resulted in the death of an 11 year old boy. This should serve as a reminder to all of us that we can never be too safe and that safety should be the top priority when it comes to anything to do with boating or using the lake. Please keep this in mind when you prepare to load your boat as the season ends. Make sure your trailer is in good condition with the axles properly greased. Check your trailer lights to make sure they are functioning properly and also make sure any tie-down's are in good shape and in good working order. Be safe as we want to see everyone back for the 2009 season next year.

In closing, although my term as your commodore does not officially end until December 31, the end of the season marks an important milestone in my term. It has been an honor and extreme pleasure to serve you in this office. I have made many new friends and strengthened old friendships. I am very proud of our club and what it stands for in the community of Casper and we are very fortunate to have this caliber of club available to us here in Wyoming. My wife Laura sends her thanks and is equally proud to have served along with me in this capacity.

May you have a blessed and safe remainder of the boating season and we will see you at the club next year.

Don Claunch
Commodore