

NEWSLETTER



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The Commodores League came into being with a flurry of activities. Hardly a week has gone by since its inception that the organization has not been called upon to participate in some important event. First it was United Nations and Secret Service officials on a cruise with the yacht "OL-OM", skipper Leo Grimes, to prepare for President Sadat's trip to Jacksonville.

Francis L'Engle, "Lesgo Forth" and Jack Becker "Guppy" handled part of President Sadat's party cruising from NAS to Epping Forest. Both yachts also hosted the press corps and the White House corps to cross the river to Epping Forest.

Charlie Barco's "Sassy B" hosted a U. S. Congressional Delegation on a cruise to Green Cove Springs. Bill Derr's "Tobi III" and Charlie Barco's "Sassy B" hosted a Sunday cruise for the Congressional Delegation, U. S. Representative Chappell and members of the Port Authority and the City Council to Blount Island.

The "Lindy Bell", skipper Ed Oberle, and the "OL-OM", skipper Leo Grimes, were scheduled to take the Princess of Iran and her party on a river cruise, but the weather would not cooperate and the trip was scrubbed.

Crew members on these cruises included Bill Staten, Pete Loftin, Sam Hill, Lee Powell, Walter Moore, Buddy Miller, Jim Irwin, Grady Martin, Linda Barco, Inge Harvey, Mary Louise Grimes, Tommie Derr, Betty Becker, Dick Ludlow, Charlie Conway, and Tom McGehee.

Unfortunately several of these boats received minor damage during docking because of very unsatisfactory docking facilities.

Sam Hill, Operations Officer, deserves a salute for exceptional effort. Leo Grimes provided the Commodores League excellent liaison with the Raymond Masons, and smoothed out a lot of problems.

Ken Wetzel with OPS took many pictures. We are putting together a scrap book which will be available soon.

It has become quickly apparent that the Commodores League is here to stay.

See you on November 18th at the Florida Yacht Club.

Ed Bell Oberle
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