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Hello AYC Members,

As I'm writing this it seems winter has finally chosen to arrive. And here I am, writing my first letter to you as Commodore, being optimistic looking forward to the upcoming sailing season with the temperature in the 20's.

I'd like to start by saying how honored I am to serve as your commodore this year. The new Bridge and I will do our best to ensure that all our club activities continue to run as well as they have in the past and that we look to provide added opportunities for our members to enjoy. We have had our first board meeting, your officers have assumed their new positions and the Directors have their assignments for the year.

In that regard, our first event of the year is quickly approaching, the 2012 AYC Commodore's Ball on February 4th. The ball will be held at the Italian American Cultural Center. PC Doug Livermore and Linda Sheppard are putting together what is sure to be another great evening. By now you should have received your invitation and I hope you will be able to attend. If you have not sent in RSVP it's not too late. PC Doug Livermore will be happy to hear from you. As with any of our events the club needs your participation to keep our club strong.

This year there will be a change to the awards given out at the ball. We will be awarding our club trophies for the season and our special awards to members, we will not be presenting the class flags this year. Why? To help reduce our expenses and to free up more time at the ball for socializing and dancing.

Also mark your calendar for our second event...our spring meeting which will be held at North Sail Loft on March 18th. Attending the spring meeting is a good way to kick off the season. We will be discussing issues affecting the club, our upcoming events for the season and it's your first chance to sign up for race duty. We will also have your 2012 directory and membership card on hand. As usual there will be food and beverages provided by the club.

I look forward to seeing everyone at our Commodore's Ball February 4th.

Best Regards

Phil Kurczewski
Commodore