June 24, 2020

2ND News Letter of 2020

Greetings Shipmates from the desk of Jim Montgomery.

Hopefully this finds you well and prosperous. I will attempt to update you on ship’s business.

1. With the pandemic hitting us all extremely hard, I am very hopeful that a resolution to this awful issue is soon.

Forthcoming, anyone who knows of persons connected to the crew or their families who are or have been affected by this tragedy, please let me or one of the other officers know.

1. A number of things have slid by without the proper attention being paid to them and I personally take responsibility for this oversite. I have a daughter and a grandson who both tested positive but are fine now. Gave us all a scare at the time, so my head and thinking have been elsewhere for a while. My wife and dog have both had serious operations in the last ten days adding to the drama. Everyone one is healthy as I write this but waiting for the other shoe to fall.
2. The only committees that have been active for some time are the reunion committee and those folks who have attempted to clean-up our sailing list. Well done on the progress made on both issues.
3. A month or so ago I caused a stir by indicating that a postponement to the scheduled reunion might be needed. At this time there has been no one who has stepped forward to say they will attend except by Vanleeuwen and

his wife. Our committee for the reunion is still laboring to make it happen in October as originally planned. If it has to be pushed back for health issues at the resort, we have been assured that there will be no loss of personal or TJ revenues. I am requesting that any and all shipmates inform myself or our chairman of their intent to attend for head count considerations. Shirts and hats are going to be presented but accurate numbers would be appreciated. Please

forward your intention to attend and number of guests to:

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1. I am looking forward to hearing from any and all shipmates with stories, pictures or anecdotes from the years spent on the boat. It would be nice to post some of these on line for all crew members to remember and enjoy.
2. There is a location on Facebook ( <https://www.facebook.com/groups/50372229369> ) that has a site for the Thomas Jefferson. Take a look. A lot of our shipmates’ tag in from time to time.

That’s it for now……I wish you “Fair winds and following seas”.

Jim Montgomery

Commander

Note from the Secretary:

I am going to start working on the “Sailing List” in the near future. The goal is to have an updated revision by the end of 2020. Please go to the sailing list on the TJ website and review the information associated with you. I it needs updated please provide me with the correct information. Also, if you know of any of our shipmates that have passed away this year, please send me that information also.

Also, if you are not a member of the Association and would like to join, please send me a note. I will get back to you with the information that I need.

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