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## FROM THE COMMODORE

As I write this article on Friday, June 15th, the lake is almost back down to full pool at 660.31. I am certainly not complaining, but with the lake being up to a peak elevation of 664.19 on June 3rd, it creates many challenges for the dock captains, mooring administrators, launch ramp adjusters, members with boats on moorings and on catamaran beach, and debris left on the grounds at the high water mark. Thanks to all those who have helped get us through the past few weeks/months with the constant adjusting up and now down. I hope everyone is looking forward to a very busy and enjoyable summer ahead at WCSC.

Speaking of busy, a lot has been happening since our last Windsong. Both the centerboard and keelboat fleets have completed the first half of their racing season before taking the summer break. The Springboard Regatta drew 27 boats consisting of Buccaneer 18's, Lightings, and Highlanders. Thanks to Bruce Busbey, Dennis Baker, and John Kreidler for pulling this event together. We had another very successful Dam Distance Race with 18 boats and a great after race meal and party. Kudos to Rick and Allison Fontenot for hosting this event. A record breaking DIVA Regatta raising over \$16,634 for the benefit of Safe Harbor, had 20 boats, a wonderful raffle, the silent auction, and a delicious assorted taco bar meal. Big thanks to Dacia Schrecengost and her team for an outstanding job well done! Memorial Day party was held and enjoyed by many welcoming the warm weather and summer activities on the water. Thanks to Anna Kay and Derek Lord for their support of this club party. The fun filled "almost half" way Around Andersonville Island race was recently held with 27 assorted registered boats and fresh strawberry banana daiquiris, and baby back ribs being served after the race. Thanks to Susan and Steve Ruark for organizing. If you were not in attendance at any or all these events, you missed some really fun times at the club with your fellow members.

By the time you get this Windsong, 4th of July at the club will be history, but it looks to be another great event with the return of a sizable fireworks display funded by donations from a number of your fellow club members.

Friday night is dinghy night. Young or old, novice or veteran, you need to be there! Run what you brung! We have had a Weta, Laser, Force 5's, Flying Scot, Hobie 16, and Sunfish. If it more or less floats, come out and join us for some Friday evening fun/casual racing on the water, a meal, and conversation afterwards. This will be on going every 2 weeks through August.

The 2018 Junior Sail Camp will soon be underway July 7th & 8th and July 14th & 15th. This camp utilizes about as many volunteers as there are students. Please be aware of the additional activity on those weekends and proceed cautiously and safely on the grounds and on the water around the students and their instructors.

Be sure to mark your calendars for the many upcoming events such as cruises, sail in movies, adaptive sailing event, Junior Championships, Labor Day party, Buccaneer 18 North Americans, etc. which are shown on the back page of this Windsong. Also, now would be a good time to double check your race committee assignment listed on the website under "Membership, Race Committee Assignment." You must be logged in to see it. If you need to swap due to a conflict, best to do it sooner rather than later.

As stated in the previous Windsong, we are working on improving the look and functionality of the front end of our website. On June 13th, members Mathew Burns and Tyler Mink threw the initial switch to the front page. Please look at it when you get a chance. Bear with us as we go through the transition and respond to Matthew and Tyler if you have any concerns or if they contact you for your input in the updating of content.

I am still in need of the updated Lease Agreement form, Statement of Insurance form, and Boat-Trailer-Equipment Registration List forms from many of you. Really? It is time to go sailing and not spend time trying to run down the forms we are missing. Thank you in advance for doing your part.

To repeat my closing in the last Windsongs, look for your 2018 Officers and Stewards which are listed on the back of this Windsong. Should you have any issues, ideas, concerns, or questions please contact one of us. We all volunteered to serve the club and its membership because we are interested in sustaining and improving WCSC. The way to accomplish that is for the membership to communicate to us its needs and concerns. Please do not hesitate to do so. I am looking forward to seeing everyone at the club in the upcoming months.

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## From the Vice Commodore

Hello, WCSC! Well, it's been an interesting spring at WCSC, most notably the high-water levels we've experienced. As you can see from the Corps projection below, we hope to be in the high 650's through early August. The rising waters brought challenges in managing the docks, which was well covered by our dock captains, as well as managing the dock for the main launch ramp. Fortunately there had been plans for a new system for securing the dock, which were implemented by Commodore Ronnie Ashmore and Ron Sanga.

The north shore dock was 'blown out' by a severe thunderstorm when the securing point onshore was ripped away due to the force of the storm. Thankfully we were able to retrieve it and establish a new anchor point the next morning. A thank you to all who paid heed to the emails and checked in on your boats. To the best of my knowledge, we didn't have to pump anyone's boat out, and though a few of the catamarans wound up floating into the woods we made it through fairly well. Repairs to your docks are coming your way, yep repairs we're doing, so be prepared to be approached by your Dock Captain or Harbor Committee Chair Hugh Vantleven with 'volunteer' opportunities to accomplish these repairs/improvements.

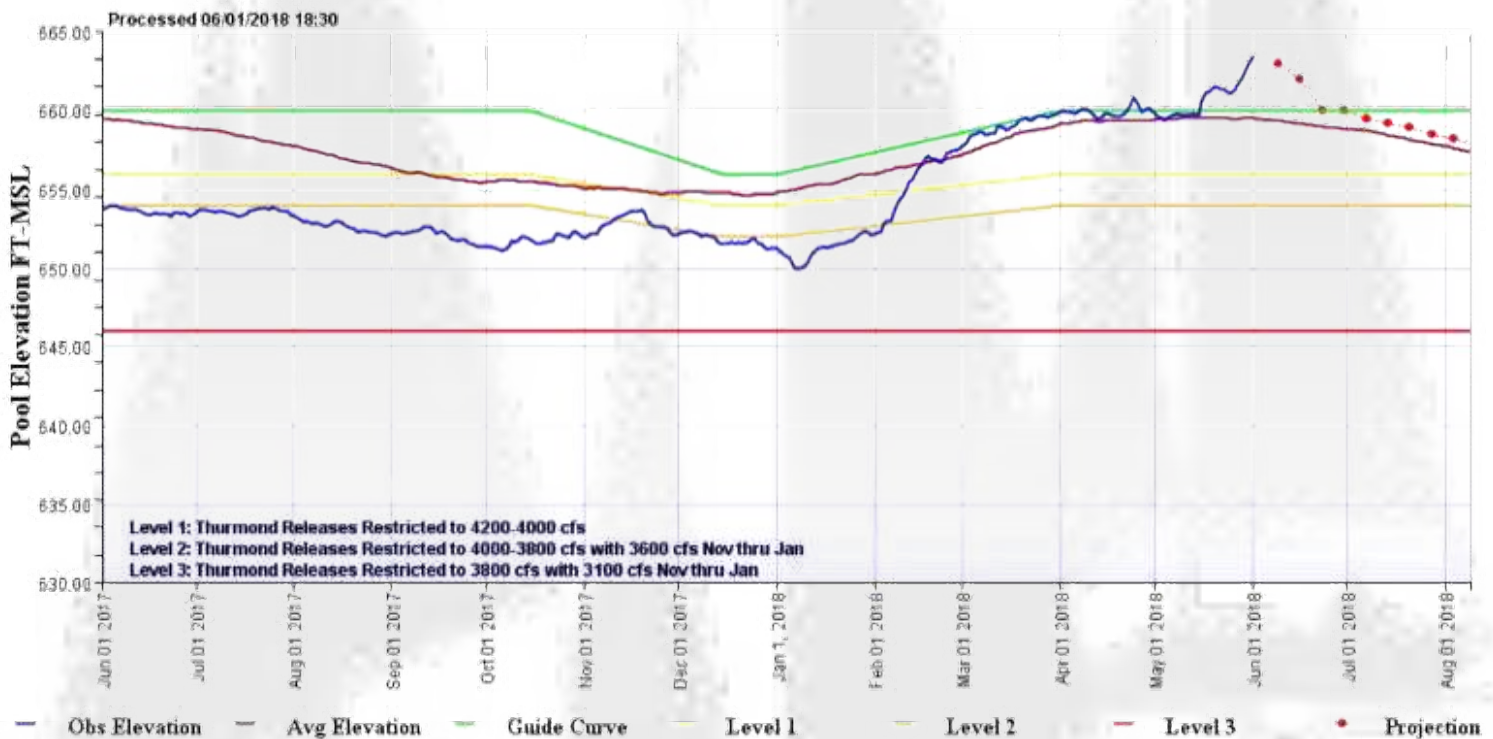
We've had a great spring series in both the Centerboard and Keelboat fleets, but there's always room for more participation, so remember to invite friends or fellow members to join in and get involved in your fleets. This year's Diva Regatta was an overwhelming success, raising more than \$16,000 for Safe Harbor, much thanks to our own beloved 'Diva', Dacia Schrecengost! She poured her heart into it this year and showed that this is an event with a lot of support within the club and the community, and can only grow bigger and better in the future to raise funds for this fantastic organization.

We're coming up on the summer events – Junior Sail Camp, Boy Scout groups, and a group from Central Presbyterian Church will be joining us for a week of sailing and missionary work in early August. We could use volunteers to help out with that one. There will also be a group from TL Hanna's ROTC program under the leadership of Ron Moede again this year. So much to do, so little time! Here's hoping to see you all at the club soon!

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**Hartwell Pool Elevation FT-MSL Project**



## From the Rear Commodore

Hello again from the 2018 Rear Commodore! Welcome to summer! We continue to be very busy trying to keep the club in good shape. That being said, we have a lot left to do!

We have had three very successful workdays so far and before you read this workday 4 will be in the books. While we have completed several small projects as well as keeping up with general maintenance, we have managed to complete a couple large projects we had on the list. Namely, we installed the landscape screening just outside the gate. If you haven't seen it yet, make sure to look to the left as you enter the club the next time you're there. A huge thanks to all who helped with the installation of all those trees. I was amazed at the immediate difference they made. Further, it appears all of our neighbors are very happy with the improvements as well.

Our other accomplishments include removal of tree stumps around the property, regrading portions of the front lawn, repair of the septic system at the clubhouse, and rewiring of the camper village.

## From the Rear Commodore (continued)

We still have an ambitious list of projects yet to accomplish this year and will need a lot of help to get it all done. Some of them are:

- Construct a holding tank pump out
- Install water spigots at certain locations in the Camper Village
- Install water near the dinghy dock
- Repairs to the 420 dock
- Continued maintenance of the underbrush growth

Our next workday is scheduled for August 4, and I look forward to seeing more of you then. In the meantime, I will be reaching out with a couple of special workdays to work on the water lines and other special projects. Again, all of these days count toward your fairshare hours.

I look forward to meeting more of you, working and of course, sailing, with you this year. If you need to get in touch with me with questions, comments or anything else, feel free to reach out.

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## Welcome to New Members

By Spencer Mathews

Maria and Tony Bolan attended a new member orientation on April 7, the Saturday of the Springboard Regatta. They have raced sailboats since 1990 and sail a J/24, *Teenage Wasteland*, Sail #2115. Their son, Alex Bolan, is already a member and is one of their sponsors. I am the other. Alex also sails a J/24 as you may recall. They have been members of other sailing clubs. Now that they reside in the Upstate, they joined us because they enjoy being part of a sailing community. They manage their own business, Digital Thinker, Inc. Tony is the CEO; Maria, the CFO – read into that what you will. They're good company; I thoroughly enjoyed meeting them for the orientation.

I have the pleasure of introducing another new member, Greg Torrisi, who joined us at an orientation on Sunday, June 8. He's 29, single, and works as a mechanical engineer. He moved here from Boston last August. He joined us for the afternoon on Commissioning Day, so you may have met him already. He's been sailing since college and cut his teeth on 420's, F3's, Hobie 33's, and Sonars, and has served as both skipper and crew. He belonged to the Charles River Sailing Club before moving down here. Greg doesn't have a boat yet, but plans to take advantage of our club boats and has said



Tony and Maria



Greg

he's interested in crewing. He's paid us the compliment of saying that everyone he's met here has been very friendly. Apparently we've got him fooled – let's keep it that way. Seriously, though, make sure he knows we're glad to have him aboard. As I write this, the lake has just dropped down to about full pond. Could life be better?

See you on the water.

## Centerboard Fleet

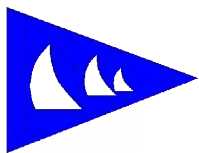
At the time of this writing we have one race day left in the spring racing season and what a season it has been so far. We have had good wind, good competition, and a few surprises along the way. The fleet is building and we are trying a few new things to make it more fun. The 'Steak By The Lake' event was great. We had to set up 5 long tables in the great hall to accommodate all of the participants and Jeremy grilled the steaks. For those of you who missed it...well don't miss the next one! We are planning on having another 'Steak By The Lake' during the fall season.

Additional news, we have started the Night of the Dinghy series. We have had good turn out so far and a lot fun sailing. If you want a relaxed atmosphere and side by side sailing with some really cool people you need to come out to the club and join us for Night of the Dinghy's every other Friday night through August 17th. If you don't have a boat, we can help you find one. We in the Centerboard Fleet are all about having fun and helping each other improve our sailing skills and having good, clean competition. I asked Joe Martin why he liked to race he said, "It's not so much of the racing that I like, it's the before and after we get on the water. It's the people I get to hang out with that I enjoy so much." So if you join us on a Friday night or join us on a Saturday plan to come a little early and to stay a little late to hang with some people that have a passion for sailing just as much as having a passion for fun. See you on the water!

Eric Seymour  
Centerboard Fleet Captain  
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## Cruiser's Corner!

by Tim Crane



Pirate's Day went off without a hitch with lots of smiling, happy faces on the children as well as some of the adults who had not participated before. It was followed by a great cookout that was unfortunately held at the Clubhouse, since all the 'beaches' we usually use were under several feet of water! Quick poll – who would like to see another one in August or September? Let me know...

While the winds didn't exactly cooperate for the Around Andersonville Island race, it was still a huge success and so much fun! Twenty-two boats on the water and a fantastic after-party complete with ribs by Jeremy Marsh! Much thanks to Steve and Susan Ruark for heading up this event successfully again, as well as thanks to Rick Fontenot with all the work on establishing the times for the pursuit start!

In July, we're going to be adding a destination cruise with a cookout, although we haven't picked a location just yet. Keep up with the weekly emails and we'll let you know as soon as we do. It'll either be on Andersonville Island or over at the picnic shelter at Waldrops.

August 11th brings a cruise with a cookout, hopefully on an island since the water levels should have subsided enough for us to have the beach back again by then.

August 25th will be our first cruise with dinner and a sail-in movie! Make plans to join us! Please call, text or email us with your thoughts at 770-617-0193, email [tcrane29664@gmail.com](mailto:tcrane29664@gmail.com).

## Keelboat Fleet

The 2018 Spring Season concluded on June 3rd. During the season, eight A fleet boats sailed 13 of the scheduled 16 races, while five B fleet boats sailed only six races. Five A Fleet boats and four B Fleet boats qualified for the season scoring by sailing more than half of the races held.

Congratulations to Marc Bailey (Melges 24, *Screaming Mimi*) for winning A Fleet with seven first place finishes counted in his score. Your author and the J70, *White Rabbit* team finished second while Chuck Ballew (Ultimate 20, *Mischief*) took third place. Rear Commodore John Barnard (J22) took 4th place. New member George Snook (Star) finished 5th.

First place in B fleet was decided by the final race on June 3rd. If John Gulyas had won only one of the two races sailed that day, he would have won the series. However, Brian Hampton (Santana 20, *Chubasco*) persevered to win both races and the Spring Series. John (Holder 20) took second, only one point behind. Paul Harder (Lindenburg 22, *Lucky Lindy*) took third place and Mike Harrison (Catalina 22, *Old Yeller*) finished 5th.

The Keelboat Fleet races 12 days per year, 6 days in a spring season from March to June and 6 days in a fall season from September to November. The initial spring and final fall race days are scheduled as distance events around government buoys. On the other days, 3 races around inflatable marks are scheduled with an intended duration of 45 minutes each. At 1130, we have the competitors' meeting in the main parking lot and discuss the plans for the day. The warning signal for the first race is planned for 1300 with the other two races following ASAP. No race will be started after 1630. After the races, we gather at the "Tiki Bar" at the head of D dock for snacks, refreshments (adult beverages provided and curated by the Fleet Beverage Consultant), scores, and "stories."

Our fleet by-laws and sailing instructions can be found on the club website under "Membership, Club Documentation, Keelboat Fleet Documentation." You must be signed in to see it. We sail under US Sailing's Performance Handicap Racing Formula (PHRF) where inherently faster boats (based on boat design, not sailor skill) are handicapped against those that are not so inherently fast. We sail in two classes - "A" and "B" - with the "A Class" being those with a PHRF rating of 189 or lower and the "B Class" boats having a rating of 190 or higher. Rating adjustments are made for sailing without a spinnaker if desired. Boats kept in the water receive a rating adjustment for that disadvantage too.

If you have any interest in racing, or just improving your sailing skills by comparing your performance with others, our fleet is a great way to get started. The racing is generally low-key with a minimum of "discussion" on the water. If you own a keelboat, come out on a race day and give it a try. If you like it, you can join later.

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SON! The deadline for these quarterly articles come around quickly...seems like every three months or so 'Mrs. Mr. Baker' is hassling me to write something new and interesting. <Sigh> I don't even have a good Mr. Baker joke.

Well, it is July 1st. The high tide has come to Lake Hartwell. What a great place to be in early summer, a full lake and no bath tub ring. Eric Seymour has restarted the Friday night dinghy racing every other week. The schedule for the next month or so is July 6th (first weekend of sail camp), possibly another bonus night on July 13th (second weekend of camp) and July 20th. Come on out and see how much Advil YOU need the next day.

For all things related to sail camp I have 15 letters for you...wcscsailcamp.com (punctuation not included) and yes they must be in order. Here you will find everything you need regarding registration, schedules, contact information, upcoming events, news and much more. There is a link on the WCSC home page as well. If that does not give you the info you need please do not hesitate to contact Patrick, Melissa or me directly. It is going to be another great summer.

Also mark your calendars for the WCSC Junior Championship to be sailed on Saturday, September 1, 2018. Elsewhere in this Windsong and on wcscsailcamp.com you will find the NOR and Sailing Instructions for the 2108 Junior Champs. Again, do not hesitate to contact us directly. See you all soon.



**Western Carolina Sailing Club  
Junior Championship 2018  
Notice of Race/Sailing Instructions  
Saturday of Labor Day Weekend**

**Rules** - This regatta will be governed by RRS 2017-2020, the prescriptions of the US Sailing Association and the sailing instructions.

**Eligibility** - Open to all WCSC Juniors. Junior eligibility ends the year of the 19th birthday. To clarify, if the sailor turns 19 between and including January 1st or December 31st of 2018 the sailor is not a Junior for the entire year of 2018. Junior sailor must have been eligible for 2018 Junior Sailing Camp whether sailor attended or not.

**Registration** - Please send an e-mail confirming your intent to compete to Joe Martin at: joemartin1559@gmail.com. Registration deadline is Monday, August 27, 2018. There is no registration fee.

**Eligible Boats** - The Junior Championship will be sailed in Lasers, 420s, and Sunfish. The Laser sailors may sail standard full rig, radial, or 4.7. WCSC has several Laser Radial and Laser 4.7 rigs for loaning on a first come basis. The 420 sailors may sail with or without a spinnaker. Please advise as to what you will be sailing when registering.

**Borrowed Boats** - If you will need to borrow a boat for the races please contact me well in advance so that appropriate plans can be made to secure boats.

**Number of Races** - Five will be attempted. One will count if weather does not cooperate.

**Schedule of Events**

September 1, 2018 - 1000 Competitors Meeting at the Tiki Deck in the main parking lot

September 1, 2018 - 1100 First Race followed by additional races

**Starting Line/Course Marks** - Starting line will be between the orange flag on the Race Committee and a red sphere. The class flags and course marks will be identified and reviewed at the Competitors meeting on Saturday.

**Race Course** - Windward-Leeward (W) or Windward-Leeward X 2 (W2). Course description sheet will be provided at the Competitors meeting on Saturday. Course W or W2 as well as the color and shape of the weather mark to be used will be displayed from stern of the Race Committee boat prior to the starting sequence.

**W** - From Starting Line, to Windward Mark, to the Finish Line. Marks will be left to port.

**W2** - From Starting Line, to Windward Mark, to Leeward Mark, back to the Windward Mark, back to the Finish Line. Marks will be left to port.

**Scoring** - Depending on registration trophies will be awarded for all classes. The Junior Championship will be scored using the Portsmouth Handicap System thereby allowing the Overall Junior Champion to come from the Laser, 420, or Sunfish fleet. The low point system will be used with no scores being discarded.

## **1970 Obstacles Ahead**

Art Menke began his second year as commodore with budget problems, over \$30,000 of debt, and no immediate solutions. Budgets were proposed by committee chairmen, scrutinized carefully by the Board and cut in order to stay within revenue projections. The debt incurred just a few years earlier was made worse by initiation fee refunds owed to former members, which at the beginning of the year was \$2,528. Early 1970 was a frustrating period and the refunds were emotionally described by the commodore at one time as "fiscal damage" brought on by "just plain fiscal irresponsibility." Not considering that just five years earlier the Board regarded initiation refunds as vital for membership growth.

Once budgets were approved and committee chairs understood their restrictions, club business continued, but the debt problem loomed throughout 1970 and two of the Board's main objectives had to be delayed; those being to hire and house a caretaker and to expand and enclose the clubhouse.

In January the Finance Committee, under Bob Stewart, proposed to the Board a financial plan which would replace the plan from December 28, 1965. The new plan would replace provisions relative to initiation fees (since refunds of those fees were discontinued by Board action in June) by reducing the fee and adding membership certificates to be purchased when members joined. A resigned member could sell his certificate to others approved for membership, thus creating a market for them. An alternate plan submitted by Bill Sloger and Wrenn Creel was more favorably received by the Board and this plan became the basis for a proposal to the membership at a special meeting held on February 18. The Sloger/Creel Plan, with modifications, was approved by the members at that special meeting and the membership classes A, B, and C, with graduations for initiation fees and annual dues, originated as we know them now. The main purpose of this plan was to promote growth by making it less expensive for young families to join. For example, the previous plan called for all members, except Juniors and Female Associates, to pay a full initiation fee of \$185 (Female Associates paid half and the fee was waived for Juniors). All members paid dues of \$180 per year except Juniors, they paid half. Under the new scale, initiation fees and dues were graduated as follows:

<u>Category</u>	<u>Initiation Fee</u>	<u>Annual Dues</u>
Junior (up to 21 years)	None	\$40
Class C (21 – 30 years)	\$60	60 (1/3)
Class B (30 – 34 years)	120	120 (2/3)
Class A (34 – Up, Regular)	185	180 (full)

As with the former scale, Juniors and Female Associates had no voting rights.

As the Board wrestled with strategies for repaying club debt, there was an abundance of input but no consensus, and they deliberated on solutions until August. On August 27, T. Sudderth recommended a plan to consolidate debt by securing another loan from Peoples National Bank to pay off Anderson Saving & Loan and the member bond holders. The Board agreed to recommend this refinance idea to the membership at the next annual meeting and the proposal was approved at that meeting on November 2. The new loan extended payments over seven more years at a higher interest rate, but repaying was easier.

In February, the club again presented a display at the Motor Sport Expo at Textile Hall. Thirty-four sailboats were on display and diligent attempts were made to attract new members. The effort attracted 47 prospective new members and an open house for the prospects was scheduled for May. However, membership, which was 78 on January 1, increased to only 83 by November. Although new members numbered 17, resignations offset the number for a net gain of only 5.

An active racing program was continued with 26 club races on the schedule. The WCSC Open Regatta, which was held on August 29 and 30, saw 99 boats registered. A disappointing turn in 1970 was the Junior Sailing Program and Adult Sailing Instruction being cancelled for the second consecutive year due to lack of interest.

The Flag Pole Fund was growing steadily and by September it was up to \$425, so the pole was purchased at a price of \$712 with Bill Watkins donating \$350 for its purchase. It was dedicated the following year at Commissioning Day ceremonies.

The Annual Meeting was on November 2, at the First Piedmont Bank & Trust Company in Greenville. At that meeting, members approved the refinance plan with The Peoples National Bank and elected the following Flag Officers for 1971:

Commodore	Bill Sloger
Vice Commodore	Al Wilson
Rear Commodore	Roger Frank
Secretary	Charles Campbell
Treasurer	Tom Brown

## **1971 Back on Course**

As Bill Sloger began his year, the stage was set for financial recovery. These things don't usually happen overnight, but positive change came about more quickly than expected. When budget development was completed in March, there was only \$1,350



## WCSC History Channel (continued)

By Jim Hudson, Club Historian

available for operating expenses. The revenue estimate was \$13,000, but heavy fixed costs were driven by debt obligations and the Corps lease. Debt obligations were Peoples National Bank loan (\$11,690), Anderson Savings and Loan (\$3,000), retirement of member-held notes (\$11,645) and refunds to resigned members (\$2,870).

Meanwhile a plan for membership growth was underway with a Membership Committee headed by Tom Bates. By coordinating with Wrenn Creel, chair of the Motor Sports Expo Committee, and by appealing to club members the urgency of building membership, the Membership Committee launched a campaign that changed the financial picture. At the Expo in February three boats were on display, a Lightning, a Thistle and a Y-Flyer. Attendees who expressed an interest in the club were invited to an open house.

By May the membership had increased from 81 at the beginning of the year to 95, that being an increase of 14 members in under five months. This was an encouraging sign and there was optimism that the club was heading in the right direction. In June, membership had reached 103 and Commodore Sloger suggested that the Board consider capping the membership at 125–130, since growth was so rapid and there was concern about keeping pace with storage demand.

In July, Bates reported that the declared goal of 30 new members had already been reached and membership was at 109. Income projections were increased by \$1,935 and the year was just half over. By August, five more new members had joined, increasing membership to 112 and a budget surplus of \$2,763 was forecast. Commodore Sloger then suggested renting storage space since we were running out.

In September Tom Bates reported 38 new members, more than any past year “since the club was founded,” and he was applauded by the Board for the success of the Membership Committee. WCSC’s future was now much brighter and it could continue with plans which included hiring and housing a caretaker and expanding and enclosing the clubhouse.

By December there were 41 new members and 6 resignations for a total membership of 116, and a projected income of \$16,200 for the year. Refunds of initiation fees had been paid to members who resigned before January 1, 1971, and Anderson Savings & Loan was paid off. Member bond holders who were owed \$12,932 were paid in March with the proceeds of the new loan of \$11,000 from Peoples National Bank and the difference was paid later as cash became available.

This year under the leadership of Regatta Committee Chair, Ed Lashley, 34 club races were conducted plus the Club Championships, The Sears Quarter Finals, The Y-Flyer Invitational, The Thistle Bloody Mary, The Lightning Districts, and The SAYRA Championship. Charlie Liles was the Club Champion that year.

The South Atlantic Yacht Racing Association (SAYRA) required member clubs to host an annual regatta with no entry fees, and 1971 was WCSC’s year to host. Lashley reported that around 200 boats competed and over 500 sailors, crew and family members attended the event. This regatta replaced the WCSC Open Regatta and it was a huge success. Ironically, 1971 was also the year WCSC decided to resign from SAYRA. Soon after the SAYRA Regatta, the Board questioned the advantage of belonging to both SAYRA and DIYRA (Dixie Inland Yacht Racing Association) and a committee was appointed to study this and make a recommendation. The committee’s recommendation was that WCSC belong to only one Yacht Racing Association and that it be DIYRA. The Board agreed and WCSC resigned from SAYRA in November. One reason given was that SAYRA mainly represented the interests of coastal ocean racing and DIYRA concentrated mostly on inland lakes. Another was that SAYRA was more expensive and demanding, requiring member clubs to conduct regattas with no entry fees for financial support.

The Annual Meeting was held on November 1, at First Piedmont Bank & Trust in Greenville. A By-Laws revision requiring no dues for Survivor Members was approved, and Flag Officers elected were:

Al Wilson	Commodore
Roger Frank	Vice Commodore
Jack Greene	Rear Commodore
Charles Campbell	Secretary
John Winn	Treasurer

In October, Bill Rothfuss, who in March of 1966 purchased one of two lots with Bob Stewart, offered the remaining lot for sale to the club. The Board approved the purchase for a price of \$3,100. This deal would be consummated the following year and it would give WCSC control of the property on both sides of the club entrance.

By the end of December, in anticipation of a new year, the Board completed an ambitious six year development plan for the Corps of Engineers. It included a dwelling and septic system for a caretaker, a slip dock for cruising boats, power, water and road to campsites on the peninsula, shower and toilet facilities at boat docks and campsites, a new boat ramp at a mainland site, and an addition to the clubhouse. Also completed was the first step in a study for rental fees for wet and dry storage of boats.

Hello WCSC!

It's that time again! The 2018 Hospice Regatta is scheduled for October 12-14, and it's time for emails and notices of what is going on and how you can help us achieve our goal for 2018.



Speaking of goals, our 2018 Hospice Regatta goal is \$80,000. With your help, we were able to exceed our goal last year for the [Hospice of the Upstate](http://www.hospiceoftheupstate.com). It's great to see our Regatta grow to the numbers we see now on a regular basis...and a big thanks to you! Ronnie and I are very proud of what we have accomplished the last couple years. With your help and support, we have raised over \$750K. Help us achieve our 2018 goal either through racing, donations, cruising, or volunteering to help. Last year we had a record number of boats race (95), but we can do more! If you are reading this and have not participated and you have a boat, we have many courses and sailing that you can come out and enjoy...stress free! I would love to see all the boats on the docks come out and enjoy the distance races or cruises. Invite your friends and family and help us reach our goal.

If you don't know much about the Hospice of the Upstate, you can check it out online at [hospiceoftheupstate.com](http://hospiceoftheupstate.com). They have a fabulous facility with 27 patient rooms dedicated towards quality end of life care. This is a charity that Ronnie and I feel especially attached to as we both have had Hospice experience in the past.

We already have a link setup on the club website at [www.wcsc-sailing.org](http://www.wcsc-sailing.org). Follow the 2018 Hospice link on the left. It will direct you to a page that includes sponsorship packages, a link to the donation page, information on the event, and contact information for Ronnie and John. We will be adding more information to the page as it comes available.

Along with the corporate sponsorship there are a couple other areas where you can help.

## Sailing for Others

We will again be holding this sponsorship challenge to help raise additional funds. You don't have to be a skipper to join in on this program. Start lining up family and friends to help you in the challenge. Remember that it can all be done online. We have special plans for the skippers who 'qualify' this year. The website is already up so you can start getting donations now!

## QT Gas cards and VISA gift card raffles

We are working on the details to offer some cool ways to raise some additional funds for the Hospice of the Upstate. We will be offering chances to win \$1,000 gas cards from QT and \$1,000 gift cards from VISA. All raffles will be \$25/chance and will give you a 1 in 100 chance to win. Once we sell 100 chances, we will open up a new card and more chances to win. Everything will be done online and you don't need to be present to win. So, encourage your friends and family to join in on the fun. Think about how many regattas you can go to if you have \$1,000 in gas? Or shower the Mrs. with some jewelry, or buy the youngsters some video games...all for \$25? More details will be available on the WCSC website.

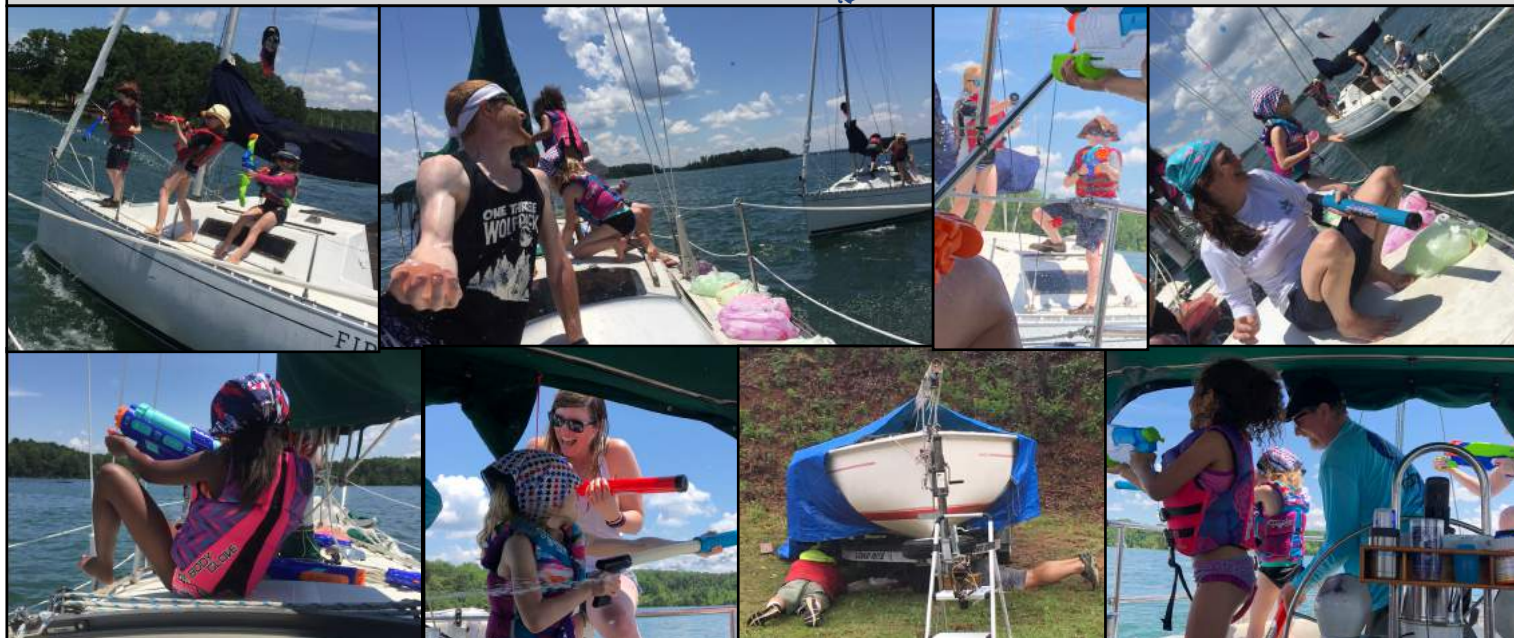
## Volunteers

We always have a need for volunteers to help in a number of areas - Race Committee, Registration, Food, Clean up, etc. - and if you would like to help please contact John Kreidler ([jakreidler@mindspring.com](mailto:jakreidler@mindspring.com)) or Ronnie Ashmore ([sailtanzer@aol.com](mailto:sailtanzer@aol.com)).

Once again, with the unwavering support from you and WCSC, we look forward to reaching our goal this year!

John and Ronnie

## Pirate's Day





## In Memoriam

The past couple weeks we lost some great sailors...and more importantly great guys and supporters of Western Carolina Sailing Club.

Mike Harrison, a stalwart in the Keelboat Fleet, was lost suddenly on June 6th. Mike was loved by all and will be dearly missed. It will be hard to watch a keelboat race start and not be thinking about Mike and his Yellow Catalina 22 *Ole Yeller*. Mike would single hand his boat and was always competitive, regardless of the conditions. The infectious smile and sharp wit will be something many of us will not forget for a long time.

Past Commodore David Moyle passed away on June 11th. Dave was a key member of the Board of Stewards and helped WCSC grow through his tireless efforts and leadership. Although Dave was not a member at the time of his passing, he will be remembered as always having a joke to tell or a funny story that helped us see life from his perspective. His leadership and guidance helped make WCSC what it is today.

As we remember and thank both Mike and Dave for their support of WCSC over the years, it reminds us to live life a little more fully, love deeper, forgive easier and live tomorrow like it's a gift.

## 2018 STEM Program

Although we did not get the publicity/outside exposure I was hoping for this year, taking the show on the road with our 2018 STEM team proved to be doable and I believe rewarding for the students and our team. We went to Ambler Elementary in Pickens, McKissick Elementary in Easley, and Clemson Elementary in Clemson. Topics covered were Water Safety, Wind and Weather Observations, Parts of a Sail Boat, Hull Types of Sailboats and Points of Sail. We took 8 to 9 boats to each of the three locations and were supported by 8 to 10 club members along with SCDNR and the Army Corps of Engineers. We presented 3 days and reached approximately 550 students. Many thanks to our team consisting of **Patrick Hopp**, Jim Snowden, Dennis Fisher, **Eric Seymour**, Bill Chasteen, **Terhune Sudderth**, Marvin Brinn, Bruce Ehlert, **Ron Sanga**, and **Ronnie Ashmore**. Those in boldface volunteered all three days. Please thank all these members for a job well done when you see them.



## Annual Corps Inspection

By Ronnie Ashmore

Our Annual Corps Lease Compliance Inspection was held Thursday, April 26th at 0830. There were 4 representatives from the Corps along with Mel Sinclair and myself. They walked the docks, inspected the clubhouse and fuel shed and observed the campground. They were only onsite for about 30 to 40 minutes and gave us an excellent report. There were no violations and no follow up to-do's; nothing but good comments.

Thanks to all members that not only helped to spruce up the club just prior to the inspection, but help keep it up throughout the year. Pat yourself on the back!





## BUCCANEER 18 NORTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIP

This September, WCSC will again host the Buccaneer 18 North American Championship. The Bucc 18's were here in 2008. It is expected that there will be 30 to 35 boats attending this year and utilizing the club grounds and clubhouse for the week of September 10th through 14th. Measurements and practice racing will begin on Monday with racing on Tuesday through Friday. John Kreidler will be PRO for the event and will be looking for volunteers for race committee. I am the regatta chairman and will be looking for volunteers to help Charlie Lord in the kitchen as well as numerous other house/grounds keeping activities. Let John or me know if and when you might be available to help with this event. Below are some pics from the May 2008 event.



### *2018 Diva Regatta Results*

#### Woman on the Helm

\$16,634 for Safe Harbor!

#### Woman Onboard Participating



First - Danielle and Natalia



Great job Dacia and WCSC!



First - Karen



Second - Reid



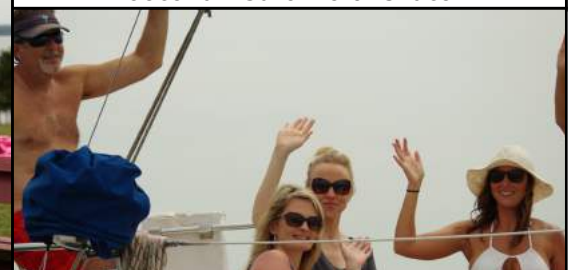
Second - Caroline & Grace



Third - Angie



Mermain Luna



Third - India





## Recycling - It's Working!

By Harold Morse



Cudos and thanks to the WCSC members who have embraced and supported our recycling initiative in its first 6 months. I have taken large quantities of paper/cardboard, aluminum and steel cans, plastic bottles, and most generous donation of glass beer and wine bottles to the Anderson County Recycling Center. The County administrators tell me that they generate enough income from sale of the recyclables to fund the program and most importantly we keep all this stuff out of our land fill. Thanks again and let's keep up the good work!!

## Safety First

I am sure all of you have heard of the terrible fire at Portman Marina. There was a great deal of property damage that was started because of one mistake. An individual was trying to get a generator started on a large boat. These large boats have a good sized generator to provide AC while out on the lake. They are usually located in the engine bay alongside the inboard engines. When starting any inboard engine you must ventilate the engine bay by either opening the hatches or running a blower for at least five minutes. Obviously this was not done and the generator backfired and set the gasoline fumes on fire. The resulting explosion burned the face of the individual who was in the compartment with the generator. The fire spread quickly to the other boats.

This event caused me to wonder if some of us are taking chances with our boats. If you have a gasoline powered inboard you must ventilate the engine compartment before starting. You also need a fire extinguisher close by that will put out a gasoline fire. You should also periodically check fuel lines to make sure they are not leaking. We should make sure that no flammable liquids are stored on our boats or in dock boxes.

Finally make sure that you are aware of what to do in such an emergency. Where is the dock fire extinguisher? Is your fire extinguisher in good working order and easy to get to? Do you know how to use your extinguisher?

Let's not let a disaster like the one that hit Portman take any of our property or lives away from us.

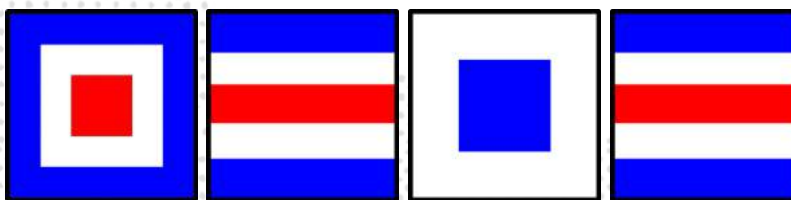
Dan Marett  
Safety Chairman

## WCSC SEWER DRAIN FIELD REPAIR



With their dedicated hands on shovels doing the important initial walk-in backfill work, Ron Sanga, Bruce Ehlert, and Ronnie Ashmore helped the contractor remove and repair the three isolated damaged sewer drain field sections. This effort enabled us to reduce the overall cost of the project. Our final cost is approximately \$3,950 versus the approved estimate of \$4,850. We replaced approximately 125' total located on three of the four runs of the drain field. You will notice in these pictures some of the large rocks that were dug out. These caused most of the damage to the first line. The damage at the other two locations was mostly due to improper backfill and poor installation of the original connecting pipes. Give a big thanks to Ron and Bruce when you see them around the club. As you may already know, they are always looking for something to do between sailing.





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<b>Jul</b>	06	1800	Friday Dinghy Night
	07-08		Junior Sail Camp
	10	1900	Board Meeting
	20	1800	Friday Dinghy Night
<b>Aug</b>	03	1800	Friday Dinghy Night
	04	0800	Work Day #5
	07	1900	Board Meeting
	11	1200	Cruising Fleet with a Cookout
	17	1800	Friday Dinghy Night
	25	1200	Island Cruise with Dinner and a Movie
<b>Sep</b>	01	1100	WCSC Junior Championships
		1200	Pre-Labor Day Party Cruise
		1800	Labor Day Party
	04	1900	Board Meeting
	06	1900	Learn to Sail Class
	08	0830	Learn to Sail Class
		1200	Inspiring New Sailor's Cruise w/ Dinner & a Movie
		1300	Keelboat Fleet Fall Race #1
	10-14		Buccaneer North Americans
	13	1900	Learn to Sail Class
	15		Windsong Deadline
		0830	Learn to Sail Class
		1200	Cruising Fleet Event/Disabled Sailing Support
			Roger C. Peace Regatta
		1300	Centerboard Fleet Race #8
16	0830	Learn to Sail Class	
	1800	D Dock Party	
22	1200	Farewell to Summer, Island Cruise, Dinner, Movie	
	1300	Keelboat Fleet Fall Race #2	
29	0800	Work Day #6	
	1300	Centerboard Fleet Race #9	

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