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FROM THE COMMODORE

Here we are halfway through my Commodore ride. I have to say it has delivered more than promised. My friends Ron Sanga and Ronnie Ashmore remind me of opportunities which need our attention...then laugh at my exaggerated optimism. Solutions have presented themselves when we least expect it.

We celebrated our Hospice Regatta 2021 with a beautiful dinner at the Hospice House, reminded once again how remarkable our WCSC crew is to be able to raise over \$100,000. Literally, we raised that sum while managing the lowest Hospice regatta expenses in the country...the entire USA. Yes, the entire USA sailing community is paying attention to our little sailing club. The answer is and has always been the generous member volunteers of WCSC.

Last night, I woke up wondering how we are so fortunate to have problems resolve themselves when we least expect it. In the triple digit heat of summer our Ice Maker went kaput. A member's brother offered up a solution through our Rear Commodore and donated a loaner machine to get us over the hump until our new machine arrives in August. Two weeks ago, we found our clubhouse beams on the south side are disintegrating due to a water problem. This problem could be catastrophic which steered us to hire a structural engineer to recommend a solution. The expense could be budget busting. The lift came through a member of our board of stewards who owns a property reconstruction company who stepped up and offered his crew to assist in this repair. Please be patient while we put our house back together properly.

I'd like to thank the volunteers who worked together for one of the best sailing events of the season. Andrea Lehman with her charisma attracted more than 60 sailors with 24 boats of all shapes and sizes to dance around Andersonville Island on what turned out to be a PERFECT day of sailing. Everyone finished within 40 minutes of each other thanks to the creativity of Rick Fontenot and his pursuit starts. We all gathered on the front deck and toasted Andrea for one of the most fun sailing days of the year.

Now for some more fun stuff. Our Vice Commodore reports that our Junior Sailing Camp is full now with 61 kiddos and 11 instructors. The weekends of July 9th and 16th will be filled with happy youth learning the sport we love. Our Fall Adult Learn to Sail program is maxed out again with a waiting list for next year. Many of our newest members joined due to our Adult Learn to Sail program. We need more certified instructors to expand these programs. The Women on the Water committee is doing a yeo-women's job resurrecting our Sunfish fleet. Gary Stansell and crew are getting the rest of our club dinghies in ship shape. There is just not enough space on this page to thank all the volunteers.

So how does our future look at WCSC? We recommissioned the Long-Range Planning committee chaired by Dennis Baker to set our course for the next ten years. The survey you just received will produce a critical set of data to help them do their job. PLEASE fill out your survey and return it promptly. The LRPC challenge is to offer strategies to manage our over-capacity membership. It seems that many in the Upstate want to join WCSC and we've exhausted our current storage space: dry, wet, moorings, trailers, and campers. We have waiting lists more than three years long. To serve our membership effectively, we temporarily capped our membership at 260 until we have an expansion plan in place. The LRPC should complete their proposal by our Annual Meeting Saturday November 12th.

Each of the opportunities/challenges discussed above are met with excellent solutions due to our dedicated volunteers. Your friend and commodore, Curt

FROM THE VICE COMMODORE

Tis the season! Sailing season is in full swing and a lot has been happening on the water at WCSC. The WOW committee may win the prize for most active. They have held a lunch cruise, a sail class on Scots, a Summer social, and two workdays dedicated to getting the club Sunfish ready for Sail Camp.

Our Junior Sail Camp team has been working hard to get ready to conduct another successful camp. Last year's camp capacity was limited somewhat, but not this year. There will be 61 juniors having a great time sailing the weekends of July 9/10 and 16/17. The majority of the Junior Sail Camp instructors, administrators, safety boaters and helpers, have been actively involved in our flagship program for 10, 15, and 20+ years, all for the love of perpetuating our sport, which is the mission of the club.

Another way we promote the sport of sailing is through our Adult Learn to Sail program. Our spring session was full and the upcoming session, scheduled for September 16 -18 is already at capacity. Unfortunately, I turn down inquiries for the class multiple times every week.

Both our keelboat and centerboard fleets are supporting active race schedules. Friday Dinghy Nights are off to a great start with 10-12 boats participating. We've had three regattas - the Dam Distance Race, Diva Regatta, and Around Andersonville Island Race, all of which were very well attended.

It seems like our sport is experiencing a resurgence. Maybe the rising cost of gasoline is helping folks appreciate the natural power of sailing. Maybe it's because of the contributions of so many in our community. Our membership, just like our classes and camp, is at capacity. Current members are fortunate to have the benefits the Sail Club offers, both on the water and off. And many members, like the ones mentioned above, are helping to make it a place that is both rewarding and inviting. It's a place of which I'm proud to be a part.

Paul Jordan

FROM THE REAR COMMODORE

What's going on around the club property: we just had work day #3 on June 11th where we were able to paint the Race Shed and the Fuel Shed. If you get a chance the next time you are at the club, take a look and see how well they turned out. Looking Sharp. I have had many people from the club ask me when is the next work day and the thing is that you don't have to wait for a work day to do Fairshare hours for the club. There is always something to do around the club. The front walk board ramp into the clubhouse need some replacement boards, the light fixtures in the clubhouse heads need cleaned out, picnic tables need painting, and as always the tree canopy around the club property needs to be thinned out. These types of jobs can be done any time, not just on a work day. Just get in touch with me and let me know what you are interested in doing.

Other news, we have had our Ice Machine give up the ghost. Because the cost of repairs are close to the cost of replacement, the BOS decided to get a new machine and go with a larger capacity one. After a couple of missed opportunities a club member stepped up and said "I can help". A big shoutout to David Pearson for connecting us to a new 500# machine. The best part is we have use of a loaner machine until the new machine comes in. If you see David around the club, tell him thank you.

Another issue that has come up- you may have noticed that there is Construction wrap on the south side of the clubhouse. We have a structural issue with the building there. The building is safe to use and the wall is weather tight. We are waiting for an Engineer PE to look at the issue and give us a solution to the problem. We are ready to do the repairs but are waiting on the Engineer. I will keep you informed when I know something more.

It is Summertime and time to get to the club and enjoy the many things going on there- parties, Friday Dinghy Night, Junior Sail Camp or just a late afternoon cruise, it is there for you to enjoy. Looking forward to seeing you at the club.

Eric Seymour

DIVA REGATTA 2022



April 30th was a beautiful day to be out on the water for the Diva Regatta. There were fifteen boats registered, which made for exciting, friendly competition. The primary objective of the Diva Regatta is to get women out on sailboats, having fun, and that objective was certainly met this year.

With three fleets, there was an opportunity for everyone to participate. After the race, participants enjoyed a wonderful Italian dinner and a fun awards ceremony with traditional prizes for first through third place in each fleet along with special recognitions for Junior participants, boat with “Most Diva Spirit”, and for women who are new to sailing in a regatta- the “Green Divas”.



Next year, the WOW Committee will be hosting a similar regatta but it will be emerging as something a little different. We are not planning any fundraising activities, but we will continue to emphasize having fun with family and friends sailing and, of course good food and creative prizes. In honor of the original Diva Regatta and its history at WCSC, we are retiring the name ‘Diva Regatta’ and starting next year with a new name for the event, which will continue to be a low-key regatta with the purpose of encouraging women and girls to come out and sail in

any capacity. What will be different is integrating the regatta into WOW’s mission to promote sailing for women and girls at WCSC all year long. Our motto is “Cultivating Confidence, Competence, and Camaraderie.” Throughout the year we have teaching events, fun sails, and social gatherings so women at WCSC have the opportunity to develop skills and friendships and feel more involved in the Club, and the new regatta will be an extension of that. For example, we are working on developing a WOW Sunfish program and hope to add a Sunfish fleet to the regatta at some point in the future. We don’t have the details ironed out yet.. we don’t even have a name for the regatta at this time, but one thing we have learned over the past two years is that WOW members are a great team, we laugh a lot, and we get things done!

Hope you can join us.



KEELBOAT FLEET

The WCSC Keelboat fleet had a lively spring series. There were moments of nuclear and there were moments of drifting. Participation was great, however. George Masson sailed all 16 races that were contested and when the breeze was up he was FAST! Also, welcome to Greg Torrissi to the A fleet. The Viper will be a contender.

Both A and B fleets had regular attendance and convivial discourse was enjoyed by all. The scores can be viewed on the WCSC website.

Thank you to all competitors and especially for the PROs and race committees who volunteered their time to make great racing possible.

See you in September for the 2022 fall series.

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CENTERBOARD FLEET

By Daniel Neff

The 2022 Centerboard Fleet season is off to a good start with 16 Skippers and Crew battling it out for bragging rights around the BBQ. There have been 12 races sailed despite opening the season with a blowout on March 12th. Six sailors have qualified for the season with 10 sailors just needing a few more races to qualify. If mother nature cooperates, we should easily get in 15 more races; however, you only need 50% of the total races sailed to qualify. Ronnie Ashmore is leading the pack with the most participation while in a close race for second place. John Kreidler, not qualified, only needs two more races and he will be in the mix duking it out for top honors. But no one is being ruled out, as there is still plenty of racing left in the season, so there is still time to get those Thistles, Highlanders, Y Flyers, and anything with a centerboard out this fall.

The weekend of May 21st and 22nd the Centerboard fleet was split between a distance race at WCSC and the Grits'n Haggis Regatta hosted by Keowee Sailing Club. On May 22nd the six skippers participated in the Centerboard fleet distance race with Rick and Allison Fontenot taking respectively first and second position. John Barnard, Ronnie Ashmore, Dennis Fisher, and Marvin Brinn rounded out the fleet.

The Grits'n Haggis hosted by KSC on May 21st and 22nd attracted 22 competitors competing over the two days and seven races. WCSC represented 3 of the top 6 positions. Congratulations to Eric Seymour and Christine Neff on their 6th place finish, John Kreidler and Nathan Schultz on their 5th place finish, and Daniel Neff and Andrew Neff on their 1st place finish.

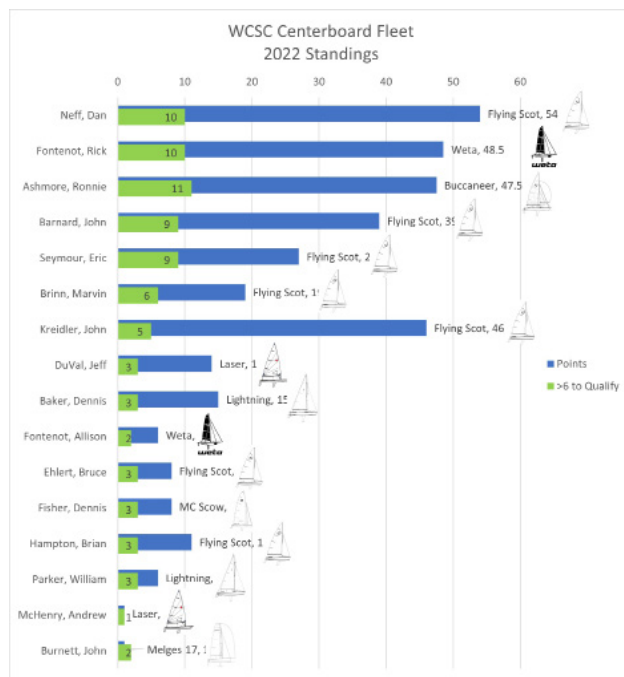


Photo Courtesy of Bob DuBois (KSC)

As a reminder you DO NOT need a centerboard boat to participate. WCSC has three Flying Scots, a Buccaneer, and a Lightning, so sign up for them on the club website. In addition to club boats, there are several centerboard members that have two or more boats that perhaps can be borrowed. If you need crew, please reach out by phone or email and we will help with finding you crew. Even if you can't plan ahead, show up and we will see that you get on a boat as crew.

Juniors of all ages are always welcome to attend the 10:30 skippers meeting, and we will get them out on the water for a day of fun - please bring a lifejacket. Parents can call or email me if they have a junior sailor that would like to get more time on the water. Save the dates: 10 Sep, 24 Sep, 2 Oct, 15 Oct, 23 Oct, and possibly 5 Nov (make up day). The plan is for 28 races, so I am looking for everyone to qualify by sailing in at least 14 (or 50%) of the races held. If mother nature gives us fair winds throughout the year, then Skippers only have to plan on a minimum of 5 days throughout the year to qualify.

Smooth Sailing!

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WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

By Jowell Thome & Spencer Matthews

New member introductions in their own words. Content unedited at the request of the contributor.



Tom and Joan Baldauf

Joan and I moved down to Anderson SC from NY this past September. We were active members of our community in NY. Me, as a busy local contractor and Joan, as a pre/post surgical Registered Nurse. Growing up on Long Island, we spent our summers boating, fishing and swimming on the busy Great South Bay.

After raising our 3 children into adulthood, we decided that it was time to trade our hectic beach life in for a quieter, yet active, lake life. We fell in love with magnificent Lake Hartwell and all that it has to offer. We have no sailing experience but we love to be out on the water and we're looking forward to learning all about this exciting sport.

We live in this neighborhood and we think the WCSC will be a great way to meet new friends and to get involved in this beautiful community. We look forward to our next chapter in life and to becoming active members of the Sailing Club.

Richard Christensen and Barbara Bergstrom

We moved to Townville on Lake Hartwell in 2018 from Jupiter FL. Now retired, both of us were involved in the marine industry.

Richard Christensen

I served in the US Army in Vietnam in the early 70's.

I spent most of my career as a marine electronics technician working on mega yachts' communication, navigation, and A/V equipment.

I lived on a number of yachts, the last being a 39ft John Alden motorsailer built in 1941.

I cruised the Bahamas and Caribbean.

For a brief time, I had a dock building business and a mobile RV service business.

I am looking forward to helping out with club projects.



Barbara Bergstrom

Education: U of Maryland College Park, FIT NYC, Barry University Miami FL.

Professional career; sail maker, marine chandler, materials management and purchasing agent for marine electronics companies, regional sales representative of electrical devices to yacht builders.

Lived aboard and cruised east coast of Africa, Bahamas, and Caribbean on various (4) sailboats ranging from 26ft sloop to 65ft ketch.



The Cobb Family

This is us! We are extremely excited to start our adventure as a family and begin learning to sail. Stephen's days and mine consist of working in healthcare and the tape industry. When we are not busy working, running the kids around to tennis, lacrosse and dance; we love to spend time outdoors and travel.

I attended the learn to sail class and fell in love with it. Our kids: Evan (13) and Emma Kate(10) are ready to hit the water during the sail classes for kids this summer. We plan to have a fun filled summer with sailing, boating and relaxing.

The Cook Family

We're Will and Amy Cook and we live in Anderson. We have four girls (but it sometimes feels like it's more than that). Caroline (17) and Charli (16) attend Hanna High School and our little ones, Laurel Claire (10) and Fielding (9) are students at Concord elementary.

We've sailed Hobies and Flying Scots in Beaufort, SC over the years but we're fairly limited in our knowledge and skills so we're looking forward to growth in those areas and meeting new friends!





Danny Dailey

Ahoy! My name is Danny Dailey. I was born and raised in the South Carolina Upstate, and I grew up visiting my grandparents who lived on Lake Hartwell. When the rest of my family would gather inside to relax and watch TV, I would be out exploring the water. Whether in a canoe or in some sort of motorboat pursuing whatever fish I could catch, I grew attached to the rhythm of the waves, the freedom of escape, and the contemplative ambience I experienced. Water moves me.

Although I've spent plenty of time with a motor clamped to the transom or a paddle in my grasp, during the past several of my 34 years I have increasingly pursued my desire to 'try and catch the wind.' I count it an immense privilege to have recently purchased SV Babe, a beautiful Cape Dory 27, from a WCSC member. When we signed the paperwork, it was not disclosed to me that included in the purchase agreement would be a wealth of excellent advice, friendship, and induction into the fraternity of sailors. Cruising tends to be my main area of interest, but I would love to dip my toes in the realms of racing and sailing other types of boats.

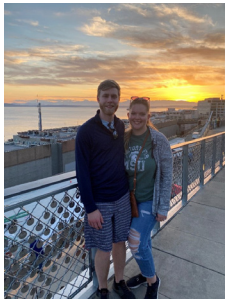
One of my main attractions to WCSC is the treasure trove of information and experience available in the community of its members. I'm here to learn.

My wife's name is Lauren. We have no children, just three Jack Russell mixes: Jack, Bella, and Henry.

Emily Tucker

Emily lives in Central, SC and is semi-new to sailing. She recently picked up a Mirage 24, though has enjoyed zipping around in her cartoppable Minifish sailboat and kayak for a while. She's looking forward to getting involved in the club and meeting folks.

Emily spends her non-water time as a prof of industrial engineering at Clemson. She's originally from Maryland and has lived in North Carolina and Michigan. Other hobbies include hiking, reading, and hanging with friends.

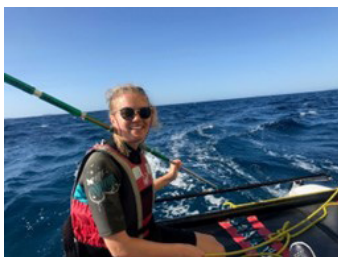


Jack and Erin Cottrell

We are originally from the west shore of Michigan and moved to South Carolina in November of 2021 for work. We have been married for three years and have a goldendoodle that loves making friends. Jack is a Mechanical Engineer and Erin works in Human Resources. We are loving Greenville and eager to get back into sailing. We had a 1970 something Snipe in Michigan that we sailed around but we sold it before we moved. We are still pretty green but did attend the Adult Learn to Sail course and LOVED it! We are looking forward to using the club boats to get used to different boats before we commit to buying a boat. Jack is very interested in racing and we both love cruising around. We picked up sailing as a hobby we can learn together as a new challenge and are excited to see where the wind takes us.

Jonathan Partain and Drew Dyer

Jonathan and Drew are local entrepreneurs, having lived in the Upstate area for most of their lives. With family in Anderson County and wanting to spend more time outdoors, they are very excited to learn how to sail, which is a good idea since they just bought their first sailboat! They are looking forward to meeting everyone at the club and participating in the events and giving back as well. With Drew's background in esthetics and interior design, she is a good resource for all things design related while Jonathan's background is finance and operations. Mainly, they are just excited to reconnect with the outdoors and make great friendships while enjoying their time together.



Carina Manteuffel

Guten Tag, I am Carina and moved to Simpsonville from Germany end of 2021. I moved from Munich with my husband and little son. At home we sailed Catamaran, but since our son is still very young, I am planning to mostly sail on my own. It will be nice having my husband and son wait for me when I come back to shore and play with them in the water! I used to participate in regattas and am eager to join a race at the club. I am mostly used to cold lake or sea water, so always wearing a dry suite or neo, South Carolina weather and lake temperature will be a nice change for me.

Pat Malone

My husband, Ray, and I belonged to WCSC from 2000 to 2006. His health was failing, so we had to leave the club. We had a wonderful time sailing and making many good friends. I moved to Anderson after my husband passed away.

I am looking forward to joining the Club once again! See you there!



The Pfister Family

Will and Jill Pfister live in Greenville, South Carolina with their two children, Leo (4) and Lucia (2). Will was born in Greenville but grew up in Buenos Aires, Argentina and Brevard North Carolina and Jill was born and raised in St. Louis Missouri. Will loves to spend his time rock climbing and mountain biking and Jill loves to spend her time running and gardening. Leo and Lucia are both in preschool and love to spend time outside.

The Pfister's are new to sailing but love to spend time on their sunfish and out on the water together.

The Skrocki Family

Cathlene and I are both Daniel HS and Clemson University graduates. I retired as a food broker in October 2021 after 34 years with Affinity Group. My last position was Regional President for Florida. We were in Columbia for 23 years and in Tampa for the last 10. We relocated back to our family home in Central in November. We have 2 children. Stephen is a 2017 Clemson grad living with his wife, Denise (USC), in Lexington, SC. Cecilia is completing her senior year at Florida State University. She will be student teaching in Orlando this fall, then graduate in December. I learned to sail 12 years ago from Captain Brian Adams of the former Lanier Sailing Club-Lake Murray. We were members of the Club and had a wonderful experience. Unfortunately, did not sail while living in Florida so we're looking forward to getting back into it. Some family friends recently gave us their late father's 1992 Capri 22 wing keel. We are in the process of restoring the boat, which is moored at Portman Marina now. Neither of us have ever raced.



Tony Pascone

Thanks to all for taking the time to read this. I'm excited to have the chance to meet other members and participate in activities at the sailing club.

My name is Tony Pascone and I'm the proud papa of a 10 year old daughter named Mellia and a beautiful 8 year old son named Oliver. We lost our beloved mama bear to cancer a couple years ago so the three of us are going at it together based out of Asheville, NC

Sailing and boatbuilding have been passions since I was 8 years old having given me the opportunity to circumnavigate as engineer aboard a 182' Perini Navi Mega Yacht. A lovely way to see the world! Additionally, I've raced at a variety of levels both at the amateur and professional levels in everything from Lasers to TP52's to MaxZ86's. My wife and I took a year off and cruised around in our Soverel 55 with the kids which was a fantastic experience as well.

Currently I am building boats with kids in the neighborhood and teaching them to sail. I've become a big fan of Watertribe doing two of their events per year in an 18' semi-trimaran I built a couple years ago.

Look forward to meeting you all!

Hamish Richardson

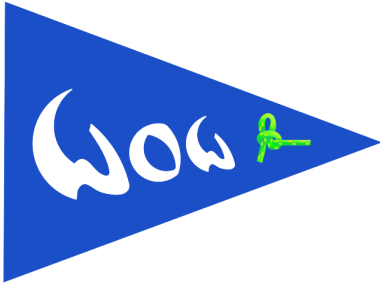
I sailed for many summers when I was younger off the coast of North and South Carolina. I have also taken small hops out in the ocean and spent many an evening anchored out on the ICW during my stay in Charleston. I have never formally raced before (except against tide and weather) but am looking forward to participating in any capacity.

I have a 1985 Hunter 28.5. I would not consider myself a greenhorn but I could definitely use some additional intermediate to advanced instruction. I also have some marine mechanical and electrical experience. My family is my wife Audrey and two boys, Hunter 9 and Forrest 11. My son Hunter is excited to take a beginner sailing course in a sunfish.

I am a centerboard racer, keelboat racer, and cruiser.

WOMEN ON THE WATER

By McCall Ginsberg



WCSC Women on the Water has had an exciting spring. We kicked things off in April with a WOW lunch cruise aboard member Emily Stielow's lovely Catalina 25, Ben and I II. It was a beautiful day to be sailing on the lake. And it was also a wonderful time getting to know each other, sharing stories, snacks, and lots of laughs.

WOW also hosted the Diva Regatta at the end of April, which was a great success with close to 70 participants promoting women's sailing.

In May, WOW members Allison Fontenot and Sandi Price led two Flying Scot educational days where WOW members took part in a day of skill-and-confidence-building in a supportive, encouraging environment. Participants were able to see cause and effect more easily on the 19-foot Flying Scots with the potential to apply those skills to sailing on larger boats.

In June, WOW members participated in two Sunfish work days to make the club Sunfish shipshape for Junior Sail Camp and WOW's Sunfish educational and funsail days. We had over 13 WOW member participants over the two work days, which was a fantastic turnout. The club Sunfish were washed sparkling clean, and then WOW members worked on the Sunfish, with learning opportunities abounding, including how to use a hot knife, where to locate a halyard to obtain appropriate sail height for pleasure sailing, and how to bubble test a hull to identify leaks. A big thank you to new WOW members Bly Hartley and Pat Malone for leading the rigging and repair effort and sharing their wealth of skills with us. WOW members also organized the chicken coop, which was no small effort. WOW has adopted the club Sunfish fleet and will be maintaining them for club use. If you identify issues with a Sunfish or sail, please contact McCall Ginsberg at McCall.Ginsberg@gmail.com.

WOW promotes women's sailing, and WOW has a number of social activities off the water, as well. On June 11th, WOW Members enjoyed a lovely brunch that took place in the WCSC club house. Members dined on dishes such as french toast casserole, chicken salad croissants, and blueberry bread. Thank you to Deborah Burnette for coordinating such a delightful event filled with fun conversation and laughter.

Be on the lookout for more fun WOW educational, sailing, and social events. If you are not already on the WOW mailing list and would like to be included, please contact WOW at wcsc.wow@gmail.com.



Hospice Regatta 2022

By John Kreidler

Hello WCSC! The 2022 Hospice event is scheduled for October 7-10. Mark your calendars!

First off, a big thank you from Hospice of the Upstate, as well as Ronnie and John, for a successful 2021 Hospice Regatta. To refresh your memory, we raised \$106,000 and change in 2021. That puts us over \$1 million for the life of the Regatta (\$1,060,000+ to be exact). We can't do this without the support of WCSC, its members and their families, coworkers and friends. We appreciate you!

Our goal for this year is \$110,000 and you can help in a number of ways. Of course, we will continue the Sailing For Others (SFO) campaign that continues to be a big part of our fundraising (over \$50K contributed last year). We have other ways you can help.

Sailing for Others: You don't have to be a skipper to be in the SFO challenge. Anyone can participate, so start lining up family, friends and coworkers to help you in this special challenge. Remember that it can all be done online. Keep in mind that you can win a free year of dues to WCSC if you qualify for the drawing by raising at least \$500.

Race: Sign up and race on one of three courses (Distance, Keelboat and Centerboard). All fees contribute to our fundraising efforts.

Cruise: Sign up for the Event and Cruise with your friends down the lake. It doesn't have to be a race...it can be a great way to invite friends and family to join you for the experience of the event.

Poker Run (I mean Charity Run): Don't want to race but you want to sail? Want to invite your friends and family to come out on the lake for a great weekend? We have something for you. We are working through the details of this new event that will be part of the Regatta starting this year. I found out we can't call it a 'Poker' run because of the gambling reference, so let's call it a 'Charity Run'. This will be a strictly fun event, no racing and all fun and a great way to get boats on the water that don't have an interest in the stress and the competition of racing. Look for more details soon.

Attend: Come to the event and join us for the Saturday night dinner and raffle. Bring your friends. We would love to see you.

Help Us with Corporate Sponsorships: This is an area we are working on to increase Corporate support for the event. Many of you work for companies that offer support for nonprofit events like the Regatta. Help us by being our contact and lead to recruit your company's support.

Donate: Help us reach our goal with a donation. All of this can be done online. We expect our website to be up and running around August 1st. Look for the announcement via email or on the club website.

Raffle Items: You can help a couple different ways with the raffle. We always have support from our members and attendees who donate some awesome items. If you are not sure what would make a great raffle item, check with Anna Kay Lord who will help with ideas and suggestions.

Buy Raffle Tickets: Another way to help is to buy a bunch of raffle tickets. Many of you do and we love the fact that we typically sell \$10,000+ worth of \$1 tickets during the Regatta. All of which goes directly to the Hospice of the Upstate

Golf Cart Raffle: We will be raffling off a golf cart this year. More information to come as we work out the details. Help support this new and exciting fundraising item by purchasing raffle tickets for the golf cart.

If you don't know much about the Hospice of the Upstate, you can check it out online at www.hospiceoftheupstate.com. They have a fabulous facility with 32 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. As we approach the 2022 event, keep in mind that your donations directly help someone get quality end of life care that can't afford it. Everything you donate and raise has a purpose supporting members of our community that need Hospice care. It's a great cause.

As the date for the event approaches, there are a couple other areas where you can help.

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) or Ronnie Ashmore (sailtanzer@aol.com).

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

The Mainland

By Brian Hampton

When I first joined the club I heard members reference something as the mainland. I had no idea what that was. Sounded like Hawaii Five-O talking about a flight back to Los Angeles or something. Even after I was a member for several years, I spent my time at the clubhouse, C dock and the launch ramp. What is this mainland?

For those new to the club, you may not know our clubhouse sits on what once was an island. The dirt from carving out the main parking lot was used to create an isthmus to the island and is our current day causeway. That is the origin of the terms island and mainland.

The mainland is home to A and B docks with 52 boats in slips. There are 50 boats dry stored in the lower lot. The Camper Village has 29 campers. The mainland head which was constructed in the 80s proximate to the docks and Camper Village. Approximately half of the club's wet and dry storage are on the mainland.

With all of these member assets located in such a small amount of land, the mainland can get busy. Being close to our neighbors helps us all get to know each other and creates a sense of camaraderie. I rarely see anyone working on something alone. If you start on something, before you are done another member has stopped by to chat and ends up offering a hand. Many hands lighten the load. Such was the case just the other day when Randy Rayburn brought his camper to place in the village. Welcome Randy! He is our newest member in the village. Randy came alone but quickly had 3 other members helping him get maneuvered into his spot and set up.

When the weather is nice, impromptu cookouts happen. The fire pit at the head of A dock is the central socializing area of the mainland. But we aren't very formal. If someone is cooking outside their camper, soon many members will be gathered and talking sailing.

If you are usually only on the island part of the club, I encourage you to come visit the mainland. In the hot summer, it is mostly shady and makes for a nice walk. If you are usually on the mainland while at the club, please welcome members exploring a part of the club that is new to them.

Next in our series of articles exploring the club will be "What is on the other side of the harbor?"

Around Andersonville Island

By Andrea Lehmann

June 4, 2022. What a day! As I entered the club on Saturday morning, I saw a young kid rigging a Laser. Sure enough this kid showed up at my registration desk later. It turned out to be sixteen-year-old Alex Parker. I couldn't believe he wanted to enter for a long-distance race like this, on a Laser. Alex, you have my absolute admiration. Outstanding job! Congratulations, you're getting my honorable mention award. Look at the picture!!

Can you believe that 25 boats registered for the race! Quite an armada! But I have to say, the forecast promised an exciting amount of wind. So, we sent out the fleet, pretty much on time and let them have fun. And they did! Before I even thought twice, I received note that the first boat turned around the mark and headed up the Tugaloo side of the island. And even shortly thereafter that the first boat crossed the finish line. None other than Rick Fontenot led the fleet followed by Will DeHart and George Masson. After a short award ceremony everybody was ravenous heading for the buffet and telling stories about the race.

Asked by commodore Curt if I could promise the same wind conditions for next year, I had to say that I wished I could. Have you seen me coming with a broom to the club? Just kidding.

I'd like to thank everybody for helping me make this event a success! Brian Hampton receives a very special thanks. See you all back next year!



In Memory of Mary Ann Caldwell

By John Kreidler

We recently lost a great friend and valuable member of Western Carolina Sailing Club. If you're a new member, you may not recognize the name. If you're an old timer like me, you remember Mary Ann as a key member of WCSC for many, many years.

Mary Ann was the 'Assistant Treasurer'.... for 35 years! The title does not accurately reflect what Mary Ann actually did and the role she played making WCSC what it is today. She was the rock and foundation of WCSC guiding us through good years and not-so-good years. She relentlessly performed all the club accounting during that timeframe. And that is saying a lot because it includes all invoices, payments, membership receipts, member open balances, membership equipment additions and changes, billing, new member additions, resignations, address/phone/email updates, family member names and ages, billing questions, and on and on. For many years, that was done without any kind of computer. This was a manual process using her beloved 'Card System' with pen/paper and typewriter. Eventually a member moved her card system and process to an Access Database that was used up until 2 years ago when we migrated to The Alliances and their Quickbooks system that is used today.

I got to know Mary Ann over the years as I became the Access Database support team for her. I loved her attention to detail and 'straight talk' as she would never mince words when I did not understand something or made a mistake that was uncovered during testing. She also kept an active 'to do' list of system changes she needed me to work on that would help her do her job. Keep in mind this whole time the Access database was being used, she also kept up her Card system as a backup. She would take great pride in telling me some piece of information about a member or a historical fact that had occurred in previous administrations that was helpful in making a decision on how to handle a membership or system problem. Jokingly, I would always tell her that we were going to 'burn those Cards' after the Quickbooks migration.

Mary Ann was dedicated to WCSC and a key factor in our club's success and financial growth over the years. Because she was the sole provider of WCSC back office operations, Mary Ann and AG (her husband) would schedule vacations around the club billing cycles. She would take her PC with her on vacations and do the work necessary to make sure the club financials were taken care of while they were on the road.

Her value to WCSC was immeasurable. Over those 35 years, we estimated that the value she provided to the club was in the hundreds of thousands of dollars. That does not include the leadership and guidance she provided WCSC, its members and the Board.

As you read this article, it would be a good time to take a moment and honor Mary Ann Caldwell. You can do that by looking up and raising a toast to a great woman who may be gone but will never be forgotten.

Mary Ann Caldwell, Rest in Peace.

JUNIORS CORNER

By Joe Martin

Well, it is approx. July 1 by the time you read this. High tide has come to Lake Hartwell. What a great place to be in early summer, a full lake and no bath tub ring. Its also time for Junior Camp. For all things related to sail camp I have 15 letters for you.....wscsailcamp.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.

In addition to Junior Camp we have Friday night dinghy racing every other week. The schedule for the next month or so is June 24, July 8 (first weekend of sail camp), and a bonus night on July 15 (second weekend of camp). Come on out and see how much Advil YOU need the next day.

And mark your calendars for the WCSC Junior Championship to be sailed on Saturday, September 3, 2022.

See you all soon.

Jul	2	1000	WOW Fun Sail on Sunfish	WOW Committee
		1600	WOW Committee Meeting	Allison Fontenot, Chairperson
		1800	July 4th Party	Entertainment Chair
	8	1830	Friday Night Dinghy Races	Eric Seymour, FNDR Captain
	9-10	0800	JR Sail Camp	Patrick Hopp and Joe Martin
	12	1900	Board Meeting	BOS Monthly Meeting Held at Clubhouse
	15	1830	Friday Night Dinghy Races	Eric Seymour, FNDR Captain
	16-17	0800	JR Sail Camp	Patrick Hopp and Joe Martin
	22	1830	Friday Night Dinghy Races	Eric Seymour, FNDR Captain
	Aug 5	1830	Friday Night Dinghy Races	Eric Seymour, FNDR Captain
	9	1900	Board Meeting	BOS Monthly Meeting Held at Clubhouse
	13	0800	Work Day #4	Rear Commodore Eric Seymour
		1100	WOW Summer Social	Deborah Burnett
	19	1830	Friday Night Dinghy Races	Eric Seymour, FNDR Captain
	27	1800	E Dock Party	Leland Tucker, Hosted by E Dock
Sep	2	1830	Friday Night Dinghy Races	Eric Seymour, FNDR Captain
	3	1100	WCSC JR Championships	PRO and RC Support from Junior Instructors
		1600	WOW Committee Meeting	Allison Fontenot, Chairperson
		1800	Labor Day Party	Entertainment Chair
	10	1200	Centerboard Fleet Race #6	RAYBURN, Randal, Tommy Craft, Alan Hippensteal, Aditya Mishra, Jim Culwell, Mark Nichols, Tim Taylor
	11	1300	Keelboat Fleet Fall PHRF Race #1	FISHER, Dennis, Jeremiah Jellicorse, Frank Kruczynski, Sacha Bernstein, Craig Taylor, Gary Stansell, Tweetie Bowman
	13	1900	Board Meeting	BOS Monthly Meeting Held at Clubhouse
	15		Windsong Deadline	Karen Miros
	17	0800	Work Day #5	Rear Commodore Eric Seymour
		1300	Keelboat Fleet Fall PHRF Race #2	HUTSON, Art, Joern Petersen, Michael Chewning, Jared Chrysostom, Ted Haynie, Greg Torrisi, Louis Toffaletti
		1900	Learn to Sail	Learn to Sail Team
	22	1200	WOW Fun Sail on Sunfish	WOW Committee
	23	1900	Learn to Sail	Learn to Sail Team
	24	0800	Learn to Sail	Learn to Sail Team
		1200	Centerboard Fleet Race #7	HARDER, Paul, Keat Pruszenski, Rick Henson, C L (Luke) Williams, Peter Everett, Trent Gamble, Kilby Smith IV
	25	0800	Learn to Sail	Learn to Sail Team
		1300	Keelboat Fleet Fall PHRF Race #4	SEYMOUR, Eric, Paul Schultz, Werner Lehmann, Robert Wilder, Garrett Reed, John Pilch, Raymond Kathe
		1800	C Dock Party	Bud Bush, Hosted by C Dock

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