

# THE WINDSONG

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## FROM THE COMMODORE

WCSC, welcome to the New Year! It is 2018 which means I have now been a member of WCSC for 39 years, wow! What a wonderful place WCSC is and how fortunate we are to have the opportunity to enjoy this little piece of paradise. It is truly a hidden jewel in the upstate. I look forward to leading the club this year and thank you for allowing me the privilege to do so.

As I have progressed through the positions of Rear and Vice Commodore over the past two years, I have learned a lot and met a lot of hard working, dedicated members. I have a much greater appreciation of what our membership, with its many volunteers, do and accomplish for the betterment of the club and the enjoyment of the entire membership.

Each one of us is part of the WCSC family and it is rewarding to see this family come together, not just as sailors with the common passion of our sport, but to see us use our combined talents to support others and the community such as: Hospice of the Upstate through our Hospice Regatta; Safe Harbor through our Diva Regatta; adaptive sailing through the Roger C. Peace Regatta; our future sailors through our Junior Sail Camp; the 2nd graders from the Pickens County School's STEM program; the Boy Scouts getting their sailing merit badge and the list goes on and on. Everyone should be very proud of themselves and of what we accomplish.

As I sat down to write this article, I perused the first quarter articles of the past commodores for the previous 5 years. Certainly, each one had different things to say, but many discussed membership growth in some form or fashion. Unfortunately, our membership has declined from 224 to 218 over the 5-year period. Though it has recently been somewhat stable, we have not been able to achieve the sustainable growth which is healthy and necessary for the future of our club. For 2018, I ask that each member be a recruiter for WCSC by bringing a friend to sail, sending the Membership Committee any ideas you might have to assist in growing our membership, and by volunteering to help. Spencer Mathews is our Committee Chairman, he would welcome your help and support.

The club's official calendar should be included with the mailing of this Windsong. Many thanks to John Kreidler again this year for taking on the arduous task of helping the Board of Stewards, Committee Chairmen, and Regatta Chairmen put/pull together all the events and activities into the formal calendar. Please look at the calendar and make your plans to participate in the numerous events and activities. Be sure to look for your race committee assignment and mark it on your calendar. If you have a conflict, now would be a good time to find a substitute and arrange to swap places with another member. A few of the key events during the next few months are:

- On January 20 is the Annual Banquet. Come see what your fellow sailors look like all cleaned up.
- On February 3 is the Chili Cook-Off. Bring your best chili and dessert dish and enter the festivities.
- Make your plans to attend the WCSC Race Management Course on February 10. This course will be taught internally by John Kreidler and will focus on the basics of what you need to know to run club races. This course is for experienced PROs, new PROs, and anyone else who is interested in learning about race management. Be sure to sign up when the notice comes out.
- The 2018 WCSC Commissioning Day is on March 3. Be sure to join your Board of Stewards to celebrate the "official" kick off of the 2018 sailing and racing season. Details will be forthcoming.
- Scattered throughout this time period is the Frostbite Racing Series.

As most everyone knows, our US Army Corps of Engineers lease is up for renewal in September of this year. We met with the Corps appraiser out of Savannah on the WCSC grounds on November 16 and provided him with all the information he requested. We hope to hear something from the Corps sometime during the first quarter of the year regarding the amount of our new 10-year lease and we will update the membership when that information is known.

In closing, 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 January.

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## From the Vice Commodore

Hello, WCSC! First, I'd like to say thank you for having me, and how much I enjoyed being your Rear Commodore this past year. I plan to assist our incoming Rear Commodore, John Barnard, in any way I can. Now let's talk about 2018 out on the water.

The following committees work with the Vice Commodore. If you aren't on a committee already at WCSC and see one of these that you think would be a 'fit' for you, please contact me and the appropriate Committee Chairperson:

### Sailing Committee

#### Individual Regatta Committees:

Springboard Regatta  
Diva Regatta  
Hospice Regatta  
Bloody Mary Thistle Regatta  
Motorized Fleet/Racing Equipment  
Slip Administrator  
Harbor Committee

A Dock Captain  
B Dock Captain  
C Dock Captain  
D Dock Captain  
E Dock Captain  
Mooring Committee  
Assistant Moorings

Club Sunfish & 420's  
Club Catalina 22's  
Cruising Fleet Co-Captains  
Keelboat Fleet Captain  
Centerboard Fleet Captain  
SAYRA Liaison

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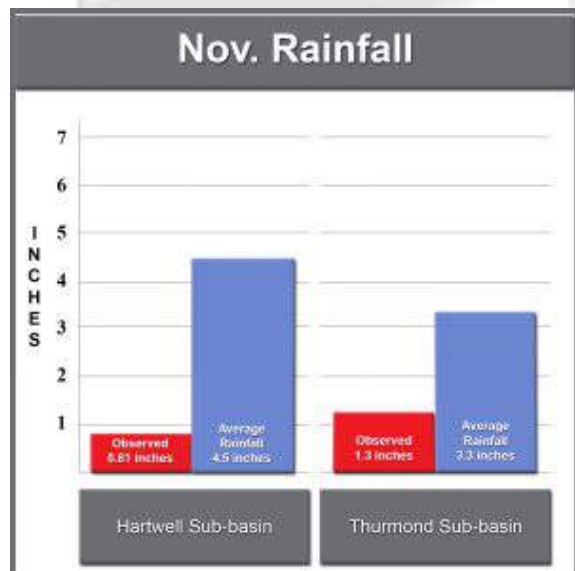
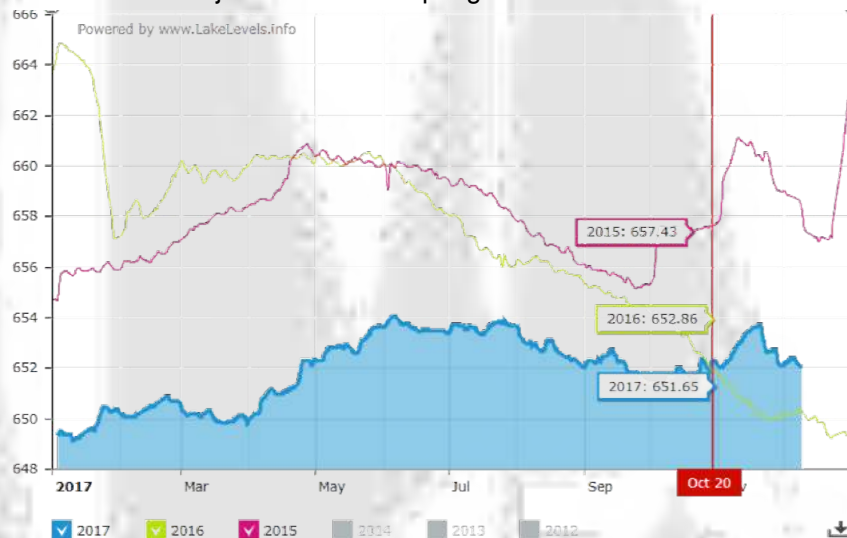
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As you can see, we have openings for the Sailing Committee Chairman and SAYRA Liaison. Dock captains can always use help organizing your individual dock parties, as well as monitoring conditions/possible problem situations on your dock. Don't hesitate to contact them. Paul Schultz and Thad Rooney are the guys you need to speak with if you're a new member requesting a mooring, if you need instruction on proper mooring tie-ups, or if there is any problem with your mooring pennant.

Now on to matters of the lake itself. We are currently 7.92 feet below full pool. See [mylakehartwell.com](http://mylakehartwell.com) for more information; it's a great asset for monitoring the lake levels. We're at about the same level we started out in January of 2017. Unfortunately, we seem to be in a 'dry-



spell' with regards to historic rainfall levels. From the Corps of Engineers Lake Hartwell 'Balancing the Basin' webpage:

"November is typically the second driest month of the year for the basin (with October being the driest), but last month was dry even in relative terms. Hartwell collected a mere 0.81 inches – the lowest for November since records have been kept (1948). That is an excruciatingly small amount considering we're still recovering from the drought and that Hartwell averages 4.52 inches in November."

Hopefully we will receive sufficient rainfall in the spring of 2018 to replenish our second home! In the meantime, dock captains, slip and mooring occupants need to monitor the lake levels on a regular basis. Dock cables need to be adjusted, mooring scopes need to be checked and adjusted. If you're on a mooring and the lake level continues to drop, that means your boat can swing closer to 'skinny water' and wind up grounded. On a more positive note, if the lake level rises, you will need to make sure you increase the scope on your mooring so your boat doesn't sink due the mooring line becoming too taut.



## From the Vice Commodore (continued)

Winter and then spring weather is going to be on us. Big winds, cold temperatures – this is not a time to neglect your boat. Visit your boat regularly, check the lines and the chafing gear. It is your responsibility to keep it secured. If it breaks loose, you are responsible for the damage it causes to other boats. Offer to help your dock captain if he needs assistance adjusting your dock. If we do not get some substantial and sustained rainfall, the lake levels will continue to fall and further action will be required of all of us.

Custom Steel arrived in December and took care of the maintenance/repair we'd been needing for some time, including the replacement of bad floatation on a couple of docks, and welding repairs on C and E Docks. They also installed the new extension on the



main launch ramp, which Ronnie and Joe Rose spent a lot of time designing. We should now have at least a +/- 2 foot lake level variance before the ramp needs to be moved. In addition, that steep ramp to the dock has remedied. The North Launch Ramp dock continues to present us with maintenance challenges in both high and low water conditions. We have a plan of modifications to the dock that will hopefully make it a more viable asset to maintain.

One last item: please take the time to update your personal information on the club's website. We do our best to keep you informed through not only the club's web-based calendar, but also weekly email reminders. Many of you have non-operational email addresses and/or out of date phone numbers on file. If you can't access the website, due to changing computers or phones, or have forgotten your password or UserID, please let us know and we'll provide assistance with the login information you need and then you can update your information!

As always, if you see a maintenance need, have a "somebody/they should fix that thought", want to volunteer to do a project on your own time/schedule, or feel you need to express other concerns that fall within the "water based" arena, please let the appropriate committee chairman and me know. See you at the club!



Tim Crane  
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## From the Rear Commodore

Hello to all from the 2018 Rear Commodore! Let me say that I am both excited and more than a little nervous about my new position. Tim Crane and Ronnie Ashmore have left very large shoes to fill! I will do my very best to do them justice.

Being relatively new to the club, I will have a learning curve, but with the help of all of you, I am ready to start! I would like to say that this club is a truly amazing place with beautiful grounds and excellent facilities. It is up to us, the members, to keep it this way. I have enjoyed a few work days over the last couple of years and I believe those days are excellent opportunities to meet new people and strengthen existing friendships all while improving our club. They are also a great way to make sure you're getting in your fair share hours.



Tractor Shed Relocation

As of December 10, I have not had an opportunity to sit down with Tim, and as such, I'm not sure of everything we need to do. Let me assure you, this will happen soon and I have no doubt we'll have plenty to do during the coming year. I will also be reaching out to committee heads to understand what their needs are and how we can achieve them. All that being said, I do know of a few items on the list for next year:

- Continued under brushing throughout the property
- Stump grinding and re-contouring in front of the clubhouse

## From the Rear Commodore (continued)



- Several items associated with the clubhouse
- Relocation of the fuel shed
- Repairs to the garage
- Clearing the area inside the gate
- Removal of a few more trees
- Gate screening

I think everyone gets the idea! Plenty of work to be done, lots of opportunities to help!

One area that has received attention in 2017 and will continue to be a priority in 2018, is maintenance of the dry storage areas. They have been reorganized to some degree but we will continue to work on these areas and will be asking for help from the boat and equipment owners.

A major project was accomplished on Friday, December 15. The tractor shed was relocated from the camper area to behind the garage on the island. This should enhance the security and accessibility of the club's tractor. Thanks to all who helped!

I don't know very many of you yet, but part of the reason I accepted this nomination was to meet more of you. I look forward to meeting, 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.

John Barnard  
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## RACE MANAGEMENT COURSE

WCSC will be hosting a Race Management Course on Saturday February 10. The class will start at 9:00am and will be about 3-4 hours. Coffee and donuts will be served before/during class and ice cold beer immediately following the class.

The class will be a version of the US Sailing Race Officer training class but with a slant towards Race Management at WCSC on Lake Hartwell. The course will teach all the basics and information necessary to run a race. This is for you if you are a club race PRO and want a refresher on the flags, procedures and processes to manage a great race. It will also be a great course if you are new to racing or want to learn what you need to know to be great at race committee.

One more important thing about the class...you can earn 2 fairshare hours if you attend the course and pass the test. What a great way to help support WCSC racing AND earn fairshare hours!

More details available online at [www.wcsc-sailing.org](http://www.wcsc-sailing.org). Pre-registration is required and available online at the club website. Agenda and further details will be available online. See you February 10!

## Many Thanks

I don't normally write in the Windsong, but in light of recent events I feel the need to submit something. First, I hope everyone enjoyed their holidays. Second, we want to thank everyone who reached out to help us in the last month or so, whether it was prayers, good will, money, food, clothes or a place to stay. The response from our beloved club members, friends and family has been overwhelming. Even as I write this it's hard to breathe thinking about all your kindness.

I know there are funds available to us. That is far beyond anything I could have dreamed of. At this time we don't know exactly who all participated in that fund, but we are eternally grateful to ALL who did. We were so fortunate Dan Marett allowed us to stay at his camper at the club for a couple weeks while we caught our breath. Then Dr. Curry opened his home to us and has been allowing us to live with him while we search out our next move.

Words seem so terribly inadequate right now in expressing the scope and debt of gratitude we have for the literal lifesaving help y'all have given us. May God bless each and everyone of you as abundantly as you have blessed us!

Sharon and Joe Rose





## Welcome to New Members

*By Spencer Mathews*

Trent, Michelle, and Taylor Gamble attended an orientation at the club on Saturday, October 7. Taylor is the one in the foreground in the photo. Aidan, next in line, had a conflict on that day and so I haven't had the chance to meet him yet. Trent has sailed before and even crewed on keelboats. He describes his skills as 'beginner to intermediate'. The family camps and does other things outdoors and he hopes to introduce them to sailing. Trent works with Allied Health Resources, and Michelle with Heritage Healthcare. Aidan is 15 and Taylor is 13. As yet, the family hasn't picked a boat. As with many of our new members, they hope to get rides on a variety of boats before making the decision about which kind best suits their preferences. In the meantime, they plan to get into the swing of things by using the club 420's and Aquafins. I am one of their sponsors and A. G. Caldwell is the other. Keep an eye out for them and help them develop a feel for various types of boat by offering them a ride on yours.

Jim Brown attended a new member orientation at the club on Saturday, October 21, the weekend after our very successful Hospice Regatta. He's a graduate student at Clemson. He had purchased a members vessel that he intended to move up the lake nearer the university, but his visits to our little slice of heaven were so attractive that he changed his mind and decided to join us. During those visits he met several of us, notably Tim Crane, and appreciated everybody's helpfulness. Jim has sailed before – mostly on Sunfish and light boats – and he describes his sailing abilities as 'novice'. His new boat is a Catalina 27, so that's quite a jump. You probably don't recognize him, but you may have seen him at a distance before. As an undergraduate at Clemson, he was the long snapper for the football team – he jokingly described that as a position where nobody knows your name unless you flub something. So he's in pretty good shape and I expect that he'll familiarize himself with the intricacies of keelboats in short order. If you see him, ask him for a ride or offer to take him out on your boat. Tim and I are his sponsors.

WCSC's latest new member is Alex Bolan. Alex attended an orientation on the morning of November 18, the day of our annual meeting. His sponsors are Marc Bailey and me. Alex sails a J/24, Samurai Takedown (wonder where that name came from), Sail #176. He was a member of the Columbia Sailing Club before moving to the upstate. While there he served as regatta chair for the J/24 Easter Regatta for two years. He has also traveled extensively to race in the J/24 fleet and has raced in Hospice here at WCSC since 2004 (in fact that was his first regatta experience), so he knew a lot about our club before joining. He regards WCSC as a great place to enjoy sailing with family and friends – just the way we like to think of ourselves. He says his boat requires some work, so he's keeping it at home until he gets that done. He works in HR and Marketing at Digital Thinker, Inc. He's ASA certified in a number of areas. Keep an eye out for him – we'd like to be sure he knows we're happy to have him, and... there may be a good deal we can learn from him.

Well, the lake's still about eight feet below full pond, but at least that still leaves us plenty of water for sailing which is good because the weather is mild enough for sailing by early afternoon on most days. See you on the water.



The Gamble Family



Jim



Alex

Springboard Regatta and Highlander Midwinters  
April 7 - 9, 2018

Registration will be available online and begins in March  
Contact Bruce Busbey with any questions



## 1968 Protecting the Investment

### The Peninsula

In October of 1967, Bob Stewart, as Chair of the Long Range Planning Committee, sent a letter to the Corps requesting that the area across the cove be designated for use by a sailing club, the same stipulation that was placed on the original WCSC lease. That area would become known as the "peninsula." Stewart explained that the club had grown so rapidly that the board expected the area would be needed within five years. He further explained that if the 410 acre Webb Farm adjacent to that Corps tract was sold and the tract was leased for benefit of a development, there could be a conflict of purposes causing harm to the club such that it could no longer function. Senator Strom Thurmond and Representative Bryan Dorn were copied with the letter since they had shown special interest in the club acquiring the original lease.

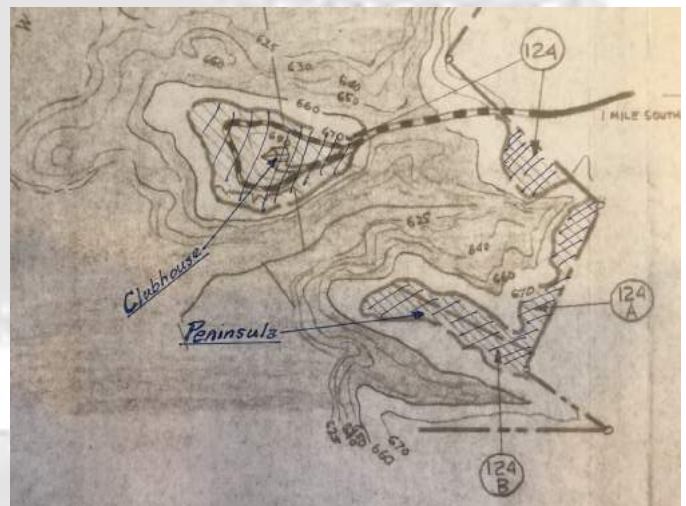
This initiated a series of correspondence between Bob Stewart, Colonel Barnes and Colonel Max McCord of the Corps, Senator Thurmond and Representative Dorn. It began with the Corps stating that the tract could not be designated for sailing only but it was available for lease, and recommending that the club begin the leasing process as soon as possible. Bob then informed the Corps that the club was not in a financial position for that but would be in about five more years. The Corps was adamant that the tract could not be set aside for a future use, with the justification of leaving it available for other possible lessees to compete, at which time the club would be given the same opportunity as all others. By mid-November, Bob instructed Col. Barnes to proceed with plans to amend the current lease to include the peninsula. The assumption was made that Bob had reviewed this with the board and approval had been given with budgeting to be worked out later.

On November 24, Col. Barnes informed Bob that unknown to him at the time, there were other interests in the property and that the Corps, in order to be fair to all parties, must advertise the property and WCSC would have an equal opportunity with other interested parties to lease the tract.

On December 13, Bob composed a letter with a firm plea to Col. Barnes asking for the Corps to consider the club's position. He explained how surprised the club leaders were that the Corps had backed off on a commitment to lease. He further requested the Corps advertise the property as soon as possible and asked for the name of the party who would be competing with the club for the property. To support the club's position he explained that the island has been improved at considerable expense to WCSC. He explained that the island was developed in a fashion that made the whole area attractive for other interests and it would be unfair to allow a developer to take advantage of the improvements. Additionally, he reminded them that the club brought to Lake Hartwell a sport that is growing rapidly nationally and the club facilities are clearly superior to anything in the area. On the same day Bob sent a letter to Rep. Dorn, attaching a copy of his letter to Col. Barnes, reminding Dorn of his earlier offer to be of assistance and stated that Dorn's help was most certainly needed. Rep. Dorn assured Bob of his continued interest and said he was anxious to help.

On December 21, Col. Barnes wrote Bob informing him of the Corps' plans to divide the peninsula into two parcels. One parcel described as site 124-A would be directly across the cove from the club (which is site 124) and it would be restricted for sailing use, and the other would be site 124-B which would be on the southwesterly side of the peninsula and that it would be for general use. He also gave Bob the name of the other interested party and assured him that an invitation to bid would be released soon and that any club could apply.

So this is how Commodore Tom Bates began his year in 1968. The club received an "Invitation for Application for Leasing" on February 1 and the board formally approved of moving forward to acquire a lease for both sites at a meeting on February 26. The application was submitted in the spring and by July it was in Washington for approval. By September 4 a lease for both sites was approved, pending signature of Secretary of the Army. The rental was \$910 for both sites beginning September 15, 1968 and ending September 14, 1988. A drawing of the original lease (124) and the peninsula (124A and 124B) are shown to the right.



The Peninsula

Throughout the years there have been numerous attempts to develop the sites in order to comply with Corps understanding. Efforts to develop in the area for primitive camping have mostly failed, and during the administration of Commodore John Davis there was a serious attempt to make the area more accessible by constructing a road connecting it with the original club site.



## WCSC History Channel (continued)

### Other Objectives

Another of Commodore Bates's objectives was to initiate a Junior Training Program. He and Art Menke, the program chair, studied several programs in the southeast including the Charleston Yacht Club. They accumulated suggestions from members of SAYRA and our own club. With Menke serving as Director and assistants Greg Menke (his son) and Billy Spitz (son of Dr. Artie Spitz), the first Junior Sailing Class was held on June 1. Also helping were Tommy and Ann Spitz and a high school student, F. Terhune Sudderth (who to this day works passionately with juniors who are learning to sail). Twenty-one students from ages 9 to 19 were awarded certificates and the program was so successful that plans were immediately made to expand it.

As stated in Commodore Bates's objectives, 1968 was to be "our year for regattas." And so it was. In addition to the WCSC Open Regatta in August, there was scheduled the SAYRA Sears Cup, the Thistle Carolinas District Championship, the AMOS Semi Finals for the ADAMS Cup, and the Southeastern Thistle Inter District Blue Chevron.



WCSC 1968 Junior Sailing Class

On March 8, 1968 a new member by the name of Bill Sloger was accepted; in three years he would become the seventh Commodore of WCSC.

Since the Club was expected to grow in numbers and activity, and as expectations for acquiring the lease on sites 124A and B appeared to be increasingly possible, there were serious concerns about the Club's financial status. During a special meeting on August 12, the members present overwhelmingly voted for a 50% increase in dues and on January 1, 1969 dues increased from \$10 per month to \$15.

This year the flag pole was ordered, installed, and paid for by Mr. Bill Watkins, and conversations began with the Corps about the requirements for the building and managing of floating slip docks.

At the annual meeting which was held at the Club on November 9, the following officers were elected for 1969:

Commodore -- Arthur E. Menke  
Vice Commodore -- Wrenn M. Creel  
Rear Commodore -- Harold L. Orlick  
Treasurer -- Terhune "T" Sudderth

### Centerboard Fleet

by John Kreidler

The Centerboard fleet finished up another great year with a cookout on November 12. We did have a race scheduled for that day but had very cold temps and rain...not conducive to racing for us southern birds. This concluded a great year of racing (kinda), where we had more cancelled races due to no wind than I can ever remember.

Over the course of 2017, we had 19 races completed with 20 cancelled. We had 6 full race dates cancelled (18 races). That was a pretty frustrating season when week after week we would have very little wind for racing, if any at all.



Fleet Champion for 2017 was John Kreidler with Ronnie Ashmore finishing second and Rick Fontenot claiming third place.

Start making your plans to race with us in 2018. Keep in mind, that if you have any interest at all in joining our fleet, we have plenty of boats available for you to use and a lot of great and experienced skippers to help shorten your learning curve. Don't be shy if you are reading this and want to get involved. Send me an email at [jakreidler@mindspring.com](mailto:jakreidler@mindspring.com) and I will help get you started either as a skipper on a boat or as crew. It's a great fleet with fantastic competition and a lot of after race camaraderie.

## Fall 48 Regatta - LNYC Mooresville, NC

I hope you will indulge me this because it was an awesome experience that I would like to share. The Fall 48 Regatta was held at Lake Norman Yacht Club in Mooresville, NC on November 3 and 4. The event was attended by 30 boats at a great venue. WCSC was represented with two boats: John Kreidler and John Wake on *Comfortably Numb*, Eric Seymour and Danielle Bruce on FS #5177. We were treated on Friday afternoon to a how-to clinic led by our own John Kreidler and Ryan "Mad Sail Maker" Malmgren. They went over boat handling, racing tactics, sail trim, and rig settings. I don't know about anyone else but I sure learned a lot and was able to put a lot of it to good use over the weekend.

Saturday came with an expectation of light winds but we were greeted with a fresh load of sailboat fuel out of the east and it came in abundance. It was a steady blow of 15 gusting over 20 with a one-foot chop on the lake; it made for a spirited day of sailing. The first race sequence started on time at noon. At the sound of the go, 15 boats were fighting for the same piece of real-estate on the start line and too many of them were over early; they had to do a general recall of the fleet for another start. They were able to get the next start off with only two boats over early so we had a race. Two laps with a leeward finish. John Kreidler with John Wake got the bullet on the first race.



The second race was a three-lap race with a leeward finish. The winds were left staying close to the middle of the course. Lynn Bruss with Bill Bruss on *Flying Circus* from Privateer Yacht Club in Tennessee got the bullet on this one. This was the first win in a regatta for Lynn and she was pretty excited about it.



The third race came with a major 90-degree wind shift and a course change before the start. Everyone saw the WL3 on the committee boat at the start of the sequence, but most of us did not see the change to a WL2 with three minutes to go. Several boats, including the leader of the race, rounded the leeward mark a second time instead of going to the finish. Needless to say, they were not happy with the outcome of the race. Steve Shaw with Tim Porter on *For Sale* (interesting name) from Peninsula Yacht Club took the win on this one.

The fourth and final race on Saturday came with the wind kicking up a couple of knots to a steady 18-20. Many boats retired before the end of the race. It was supposed to be a WL2 but was shortened at the windward mark on the second lap up. This race was like riding a bucking bronco with a heavy chop and high puffy winds. LNYC's own Sean O'Donnell with Dave Rink on *Rhino* got the bullet on this one.

Saturday's dinner party came with lasagna, garlic knots, salad, and dirt cake for dessert. And yes, there were plenty of adult beverages to help us unwind from a spirited day on the water. There was a presentation to the boat builder for 60 years of fine craftsmanship in building the Flying Scot. Tyler Andrews from Flying Scot was there to receive the presentation.

Sunday delivered only one race for the day. The winds were light out of the northeast, a three-lap race was set. On the second run down to leeward the wind laid down. It was like watching paint dry trying to get to the leeward mark. The race was shortened at the weather mark. Steve Shaw with Tim Porter on *For Sale* from Peninsula Yacht Club got a second bullet for this one.

With all of the final results in, our very own John Kreidler with John Wake on *Comfortably Numb* took first place overall for the Fall 48 Regatta at LNYC. Congratulations to John and John.

If you have not done any traveling to another venue for a regatta I would suggest that you do. The experience that I had this past weekend was awesome. We met some great people that will be friends for life, we had a lot of fun, and the sailing was an experience that will not be soon forgotten.

Eric Seymour  
FS #5177



# Recycling - It's Baaaccckkk

By Harold Morse

Many of you have hopefully noticed the neatly organized recycling center in the clubhouse which represents our club's next effort to resurrect a recycling program for our members. I had the pleasure of organizing this program and presented it to the Board in October where it received unanimous approval. As Ronnie Ashmore said, "It's just the right thing to do!" I realize that recycling programs have died off at our club in the past, so the key to success this time is with us, the membership. It is estimated that two thirds of the solid waste material deposited in our landfill in Starr could be recycled. Landfills around our state are occupying an increasing amount of acreage, irretrievably trashing this land and contributing to the seepage of pollutants into groundwater which ultimately affects our cherished Lake Hartwell. Those of us who love the lake and its surrounding environment therefore have a vested interest in supporting this program.



Keys to the success of our program involve proper sorting and preparation of recyclables and recruiting a small group of dedicated members to support and sustain the program. I have agreed to organize a small committee and Dan Marett has volunteered to assist. We have been given permission to offer "Fair Share" credits for any members who would like to join our committee to reward time spent in supporting this program. To ensure success of our program please follow these simple guidelines:

1. Please sort and rinse recyclables as instructed and never deposit garbage in our recyclable containers! This simple step should prevent unpleasant odors and insects.

2. We are only able to recycle four items as marked on the four containers:

**PLASTICS**—only plastic bottles which could be capped (water or soft drink bottles, milk or beverage jugs, cooking or cleaning bottles. Take a minute to empty and rinse prior to deposit, PLEASE!!

**GLASS**—green, brown, blue, clear wine or beer bottles, jars, etc. Again, please take a minute to empty and rinse before deposit.

**METAL**—ONLY aluminum or steel cans, beer or soft drink cans, food cans, etc. VERY IMPORTANT to empty and rinse before deposit.

**PAPER**—Only dry, clean paper such as newspaper, magazines, junk mail, cardboard packaging, etc. No metal or plastic please.

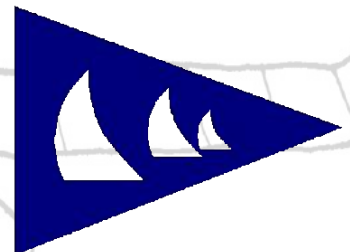
3. Each container will have a plastic liner bag with replacements readily available. If you see that a container is full, please tie off the filled bag and replace it with another. You may then either take the bag to the recycling center yourself or call me for a pickup. I'll try to check by the club often to be sure this is not a problem.

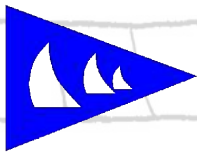
Thanks for your support of this program and for helping us as a club to make our small impact in protecting our beloved environment. If you have an interest or passion for this project please call me and join our committee with fair share credits available! I also welcome any suggestions or complaints - 864-314-9996.



**CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS**  
**MARCH 24 - 25, 2018**  
**10AM**

**SPECTATOR CRUISE**  
**MARCH 24, 2018**  
**10AM**





Hi WCSC! 2018 promises to be a great year for the club and the Cruising Fleet! We have lots of activities planned, including more island parties with dinner and a movie, a trip to Waldrop's restaurant on the lake, as well as our traditional cruises with a cookout at the club! Please be sure to update your email and contact information on the club's website so that you stay informed as to what's going on.

Hope you made it to the club on Sunday, December 31 for our New Year's Eve party at the clubhouse and were able to join us on January 1 for the Commodore's Cup Regatta where we had greens, peas and all the traditional New Year's food. What better way to start the new year, than under sail!?! Much thanks to Derek & Anna Kay for acting as our Race Committee again this year!

The rest of the dates for our Frostbite Series are as follows, all having a 12:30pm skipper's meeting. Put them on your calendar now!

January 6, Frostbite # 2 - Chili or soup, with a salad for the participants and volunteer RC after the race

January 13, Frostbite # 3 - Chili or soup, with a salad for the participants and volunteer RC after the race

January 27, Frostbite # 4 - Chili or soup, with a salad for the participants and volunteer RC after the race

February 17, Frostbite # 5 - Chili or soup, with a salad for the participants and volunteer RC after the race

February 24, Frostbite Finale and Bud Light Cup, with a dinner for the participants and volunteer RC after the race, as well as the trophy awarding.

One more thing – if you are not receiving the Cruising Fleet emails and would like more information on what we do or to be added to the mailing list, please let me know via text/call @ 770-617-0193 or email [wcsc.cruising.fleet@gmail.com](mailto:wcsc.cruising.fleet@gmail.com). Looking forward to seeing you all at the club OFTEN this year!

## 2017 HOSPICE REGATTA

**2017 Hospice Success!** Ronnie and I would like to thank the WCSC Membership and BOS on another great and successful Hospice Regatta. We raised \$80,600 for Hospice of the Upstate located in Anderson, South Carolina. That is quite an accomplishment and it's due to the support and strength of our membership. We can't say enough about all the people that help pull this off. It takes quite an effort to host over 350 persons for a weekend while supplying all the food and drink along with great racing management. We had a record 96 boats show up from 13 states. All I can say is WOW! And WOOOOOO! Thanks again WCSC.

Joe Martin from WCSC won the overall Championship and will represent WCSC in the National Hospice Regatta scheduled in 2018. Congratulations Joe! Full results are online at the WCSC website ([www.wcsc-sailing.org](http://www.wcsc-sailing.org)).

Start making your plans for next year's event scheduled for October 12-14, 2018.





The Fall, 2017 Keelboat season ended on November 11 with a great distance race lasting 2 to 3 hours. Three boats competed in A Class and two boats competed in the B Class. Two Cruisers also joined us that day. In A Class, Marc Bailey won with his Melges 24, *Screaming Mimi*. Mike Harrison won the B Class with his Catalina 22, *Old Yeller*. Curt Rubenstein won the Cruiser Class with his Catalina 30, *Hang on Sloopy*.

Overall in the Fall Series, we were able to race 12 of the scheduled 16 races and 5 of the 6 scheduled race days. Eight boats competed in the A Class and three raced in the B Class.

Marc Bailey took first place in A class with an average finish of 1.83 and your author took second with an average finish of 1.89. Chuck Ballew (Ultimate 20, *Mischief*) placed third with an average finish position of 2.71. Our incoming Rear Commodore, John Barnard, proved to be someone to watch with a 1st place finish in very strong wind conditions.

In the B Class, Mike Harrison won convincingly with an average finish position of 1.2, while Brian Hampton (Santana 20, *Chubasco*) took second place with an average finish of 1.88.

We had two heavy air race days, one involving the departure of a crew member from *Screaming Mimi*. Fortunately, BJ Leonard was wearing his life jacket and was quickly rescued by the mark boat.

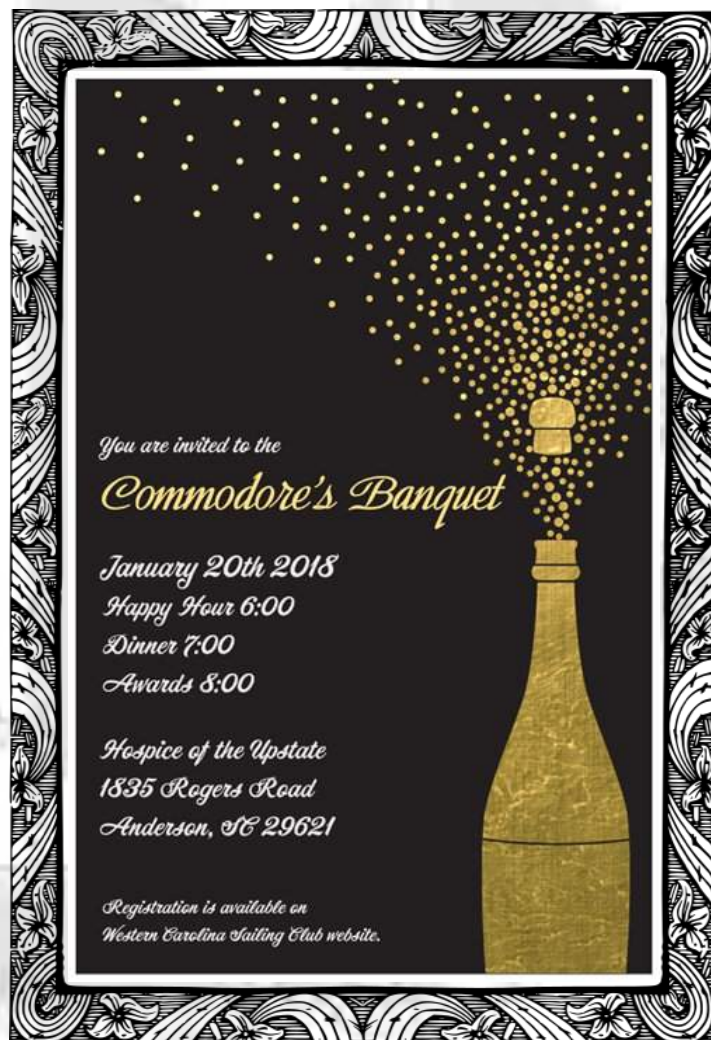
On October 21, the fleet held its annual meeting. Fleet officers for 2018 were elected: Steve Kiemele, Fleet Captain; Marc Bailey, Assistant Fleet Captain; Joe Martin, Treasurer; Margaret Kiemele, Secretary; Mike Harrison, PHRF Chairman and Scorer. Fleet dues remain at \$40 per year. The 2018 Spring season begins on March 4 with a distance race.

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 11:30 am, 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 1:00 pm with the other two races following ASAP. No race will be started after 4:30 pm. 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 "Club Documentation, Keelboat Fleet Documentation." We sail under US Sailing's Performance Handicap Racing Formula (PHRF) where inherently faster boats (based on design, not 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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# 20TH ANNUAL WCSC CHILI AND DESSERT COOK-OFF



2018 marks the 20th Annual Chili Cook-off!

The cook-off will be held February 3 at 6:00pm in the WCSC club house.

All members are invited.

Admission is \$10 or 10 canned goods per family for the local food bank.

Anyone interested in participating is welcome.

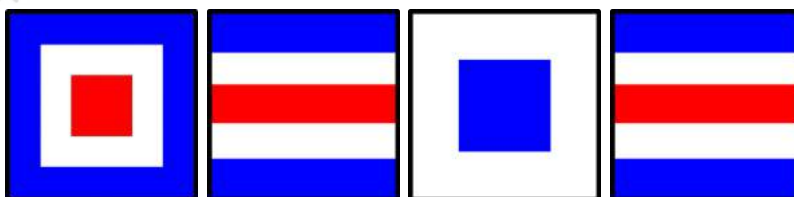
There is no cost to enter the cook-off.

So dust off your chili pot, dig out that favorite recipe and have at it. You could win bragging rights.

Bread, salad, adult beverages and soft drinks will be provided.

Contact Hugh VantLeven for additional information

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Jan	01	1230	Commodore's Cup Frostbite
	06	1230	Frostbite #2
	09	1900	Board Meeting
	13	1230	Frostbite #3
	20	1800	Annual Banquet
Feb	27	1230	Frostbite #4
	03	1800	Chili Cook Off
	06	1900	Board Meeting
	10	0900	WCSC Race Management Course
	17	1230	Frostbite #5
Mar	24	1230	Frostbite #6/Bud Light Cup
	03	1800	Work Day #1
	04	1300	Keelboat Fleet Spring Race #1
	10	1000	Centerboard Fleet Meeting
		1300	Centerboard Fleet Race #1
	13	1900	Board Meeting
	15		Windsong Deadline
	17	1300	Keelboat Fleet Spring Race #2
	18	1300	Centerboard Fleet Race #2
24-25	1000	Club Championships	
24	1000	Club Championships Spectator Cruise	

**Derek and Anna Kay Lord**

BOS monthly meeting held at clubhouse

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