



The Windsong

WESTERN CAROLINA SAILING CLUB

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FROM THE COMMODORE

Hello, WCSC! I'd like to start by saying this – 2019 is going to be a great year for all of us at WCSC! I've been honored over the last several years to serve with a number of great people who were willing to support the club by serving on the Board of Stewards. In this time, we've made changes and laid the groundwork for some exciting changes we hope are headed out way! You'll be updated in the weekly emails as some of these projects progress, and we start to make things happen. I am excited about leading the Club into this new adventure!

I hope you all know just how blessed I feel, having discovered WCSC some eight years ago! The friends and family I've made here have brought so much joy & happiness to my life!

Our primary goal this year has to be increasing membership. We all, as members, play a key role in this effort – continuing to invite friends, co-workers, or other family members to come to the Club for an afternoon sail! Showing off our wonderful facility, as well as introducing them to our great members, is a great opportunity to spark someone's interest in joining us as a member.

Another key to increasing membership is through further development of both the Junior Sailing Instruction and our Adult Learn to Sail programs. This year we'll be working with Vice Commodore John Barnard, Alex Bolan (Chairperson for the Sailing Committee), Ron Moede (Adult Learn to Sail Instructor), Melissa Kaisner, Patrick Hopp & Joe Martin (Junior Sail Camp), as well as John Gulyas (SAYRA Liaison) on several new projects for the Club that we believe will lead to an increased fleet of Club boats, an expanded Instructional Calendar along with more instructors, and hopefully developing new members from those additional classes.

I hope that you share my excitement about the year ahead! Let's all make an effort to come out and participate in the Club-sponsored events, whether it be racing in the Keelboat or Centerboard Fleets, going out for a cruise and dinner with a movie with the Cruising Fleet, or making sure to mark your calendars for your Dock's Party assignments and making the effort to be there.

By the way, the Club's 2019 Calendar is included with this mailing. Please make sure you check your Race Committee Date Assignment and put it on your calendar. If you foresee a conflict, take the time now to make arrangements to switch with another member. Also, take note of the date of your Dock Party – put it on your calendar, and please try to do your best not to schedule a vacation or trip on that date. Increased participation in Dock Parties not only makes it easier on each dock member, it also make for a much better and more fun party that other Club members will want to attend, and hopefully want to invite friends from outside the Club to attend as well. (yep, back to driving membership! Seeing a trend here?)

To wrap things up, I urge you all to get to know the Flag Officers as well as the entire Board of Stewards, if you don't know them already. We're listed on the back page. Also, I'd like you to consider requesting a position on one of the Committees that make everything happen around here. (Actually, that's part of being a member at WCSC...if we don't begin to get more committee participation, we may have to begin assigning members to committees.) Furthermore, always remember that the Board of Stewards serves as volunteers, at your pleasure, but we need input from the entire membership to let us know what kind of job we're doing, as well as any hints/ideas/suggestions as to how we can do a better job for WCSC.

I hope to see all of you at the Club in the 1st quarter for one event or the other! (especially the Frostbites, the Banquet, and Commissioning Day!)

Let's make 2019 a year to remember at Western Carolina Sailing Club!

Tim Crane, WCSC Commodore 2019

FROM THE VICE COMMODORE

As amazing as it seems, 2019 is upon us. That means that I am now learning all about the role of Vice Commodore! And I was just getting used to Rear Commodore... Well, Lisa Baker is stepping into that spot and Tim Crane is moving up! I will do my best to help them out as the year progresses.

Below are the committees that work with the Vice Commodore:

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Centerboard Fleet Captain:	Eric Seymour	eseymour@lockworkslc.net
SAYRA Liaison:	John Gulyas	jgulyas@g.clemson.edu

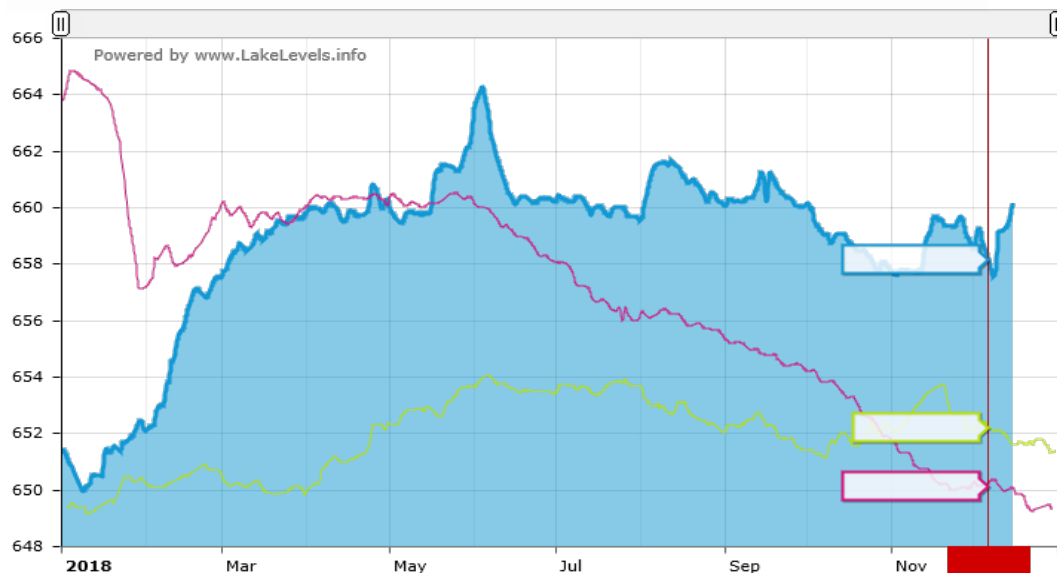
If you have interest in joining one of these committees, feel free to reach out to me or the contact for that committee. I know for a fact that everybody would welcome a little help!

The lake is currently at 660.12 (as of December 15, 2018). As you can see from the graphic below it's well above the level from 2017 at this time. It's also well above (5.5') the "Guide Curve" the Corps uses to manage the levels and flows within the basin. As you are no doubt aware, we have had "just a bit of rain" over the last few weeks... Hopefully this means the lake will stay nicely full over the next few months!

I would request that the Dock Captains watch the level and adjust cables as necessary. Members with boats on moorings should also pay close attention to the level as I would expect fluctuations over the coming months. Please let me or the appropriate person know if you need help!

Several dock repairs have been completed over the past several weeks. Thanks to Ronnie Ashmore for coordinating with the dock company.

I know that with the cold, wet weather, that sometimes sailing and your boat are not necessarily number one on your list, but please check on your boats on a regular basis to avoid major issues come spring!



The blue line is the 2018 level.

Also, please check and update your personal information on the webpage. That will help us stay in touch with club updates and events!

I look forward to serving as the Vice Commodore in 2019 and hope to meet many more of you this year. If you see issues that require attention, please reach out to me. See everyone soon (the frostbite series starts soon)!

FROM THE REAR COMMODORE

Our first official workday is set for the morning of Saturday, February 23. Since this is the weekend before Commissioning Day, we will be working hard on cleaning up our grounds after the winter storms. There is brush to be cleared, wood to be moved, and plenty of other projects to get everything back in order.

As a reminder, all members owe their club five hours of Fair Share before July 1 and ten hours by December 31. If you see an area of the club you can improve please get in touch with the party in charge of that area, and tell them about your idea. If it's a land based idea, that's for me so give me a holler. If it is water based, contact John Barnard, your new Vice Commodore. If you don't feel like talking to either of us, contact any board member. Luckily, the contact information for every member of the board is on the back of each Windsong.

Now that the dirty business is out of the way, let me introduce myself. I became a member of WCSC in 2005 along with my husband Dennis. As some of you may know, he started serving on the board in 2011, finishing as Commodore in 2014. I started helping edit the Windsong in 2012 and took over in 2013. A huge, gigantic, colossal thank you to Karen Miros for taking over those duties for me, starting with this issue.

Dennis and I have 7 kids and 7 grandkids between us. Some of the grandkids are just getting to the age they can attend junior sail camp and I am very excited to pass on my love of the sport of sailing to them.

Just before Dennis and I joined, we looked online for a Lightning to 'test drive' since Dennis grew up sailing them and I had never stepped foot on a sailboat. It didn't make me nauseous (I've been seasick before), so I said, sure, let's become sailors! We started racing in the Centerboard Fleet the very first year after we joined. I was hooked! After several years of racing our Lightning *Yea Baby* and cruising in a San Juan 28 called *Gusto*, we decided we needed a bigger boat and have sailed an Islander 32 called *Liquid Therapy* for the past five years.

When Tim Crane suggested over the summer that I would make a great Rear Commodore, I laughed. I said not enough time or experience and then laughed again. Fast forward to this past Hospice Regatta and a member of the membership committee asked for my service as Rear Commodore. I thought he was pulling my leg or had visited the beer truck one too many times. After convincing me it wasn't a joke and having other members give me their vote of confidence, including my hubby, I accepted. I look forward to serving you for the next three years.

Lisa Baker
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FROM THE EDITOR

I am excited to be taking over as editor of the Windsong, knowing I have big shoes to fill with Lisa Baker's departure. I have been a de facto member of WCSC for a year and a half now, after marrying into a sailing family. However, my love affair with water goes back a long way. Growing up outside of Detroit, I spent much of my time at my grandparents' house on Lake Erie. They had had a small dinghy named *Second Chance* (it should have been called *Last Chance*), and as the youngest child, I was the only one small enough to fit in the hull to clean out the sand and zebra mussels that collected there. I also grew up swimming competitively, and for the past six years, I've coached the Varsity swim team at St. Joseph's Catholic School, where I work as an administrator. So water has always been in my blood, and from the time I met Chris three years ago, WCSC quickly became an important part of our life together. In fact, we got engaged on the point, in the very same spot Chris took me for one of our first dates. Since then, I have been so fortunate to learn from the likes of Bruce & Debbie Busbey, BJ Leonard, Steve Kiemele, and many others. I am truly grateful for their patience with me, and their willingness to share their love of the sport.

Having previously worked in the Development office at St. Joseph's for many years, I have published my fair share of newsletters. The part I enjoy most is the opportunity to tell other people's stories- especially ones that would otherwise fly under the radar- and this is what excites me most about working on the Windsong. If you have a 'human interest' piece, anything you think Club members would enjoy knowing, please send it my way. I welcome your ideas and input!

Karen Miros
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Chris and I on the day we got engaged at the Club, August 2016

1ST QUARTER CALENDAR RECAP



This year we're looking forward to a host of activities, both new & old to involve EVERYONE at WCSC! Here are a few of the events coming up in the 1st quarter:

January 1st is the Commodore's Cup, and the kick-off for the Frostbite Series. After the race, we'll have a traditional New Year's Day meal with greens, peas, ham, and fresh cornbread! The remainder of the Frostbite Series dates are on the calendar. They are open to anyone who wants to join us, either on your own boat or crewing on one of ours. After each of the Frostbite Races, we gather in the Clubhouse for either a pot of homemade chili or soup with cornbread.

February 2nd is the Chili Cook-Off. Bring your best chili and dessert dish and enter the festivities.

February 9th is Frostbite #5, followed by the Annual Banquet. This year, we're returning to the Galley as the venue. Come on out and enjoy a night of good food, good fellowship, and socializing with your fellow members!

February 23rd is the Bud Light Cup, the finale of the Frostbite Series. It will be followed by a low country boil! All are welcome, but you must register on the Club's website for the dinner.

March 2nd is the 2019 WCSC Commissioning Day. Be sure to join your fellow sailors as well as the Board of Stewards to celebrate the 'official' kick-off of our Sailing & Racing Season!

Friday, April 26th – Monday, April 29th there will be a US Sailing Level 1 Sailing Instructor Course at WCSC! (yep, again, increasing the number of instructors so we can expand the instructional classes and therefore membership....)

- i) Currently there are 11 slots available, visit the US Sailing Website for more information and registration.
- ii) Prerequisites:
 - a. Red Cross First Aid & CPR certification
 - b. Boater Safety Course

WCSC HISTORY CHANNEL

By Jim Hudson, Club Historian

Mystery Sailor

Can anyone identify the young skipper aboard the Thistle pictured below? A few hints – The year is 1972 and the event is a regular club race in September. He was in his mid-teens then. His dad joined in May 1967 and was club treasurer in 1969. The young skipper is a member today and you can be sure of seeing him frequently during Junior Sailing Camps. The answer will be provided in the April Windsong.



Some days when we aren't sailing, it is good just to stop and daydream awhile about sailing experiences, and these cold wet winter days provide a great opportunity to catch up on reading about sailing and sailboats. I want to recommend an article in the December issue of BOATUS Magazine. The name of the article is Young & Free, and if you don't subscribe you can find it at the BOATUS web site or visiting the following URL: <https://www.boatus.com/magazine/2018/december/sailing-the-great-loop-and-beyond.asp>.

It's a story about two young women who met in junior sailing at Crescent Sail Yacht Club in Detroit where they later raced and coached for the junior sailing program. After college they decided at age 24 to sail an 8.7 Columbia around the Great Loop with a side trip to the Bahamas with a short stay at George Town, Exumas, before heading north through the Bahamas and back home, completing their year long journey on October 3, 2018. It's a good read, very descriptive, inspiring and well written. You might ask, well what does this have to do with history. Not much I recon, except that looking back over our younger years at how we savored our own sailing adventures and think about all the things we could have done and wanted to do – that's kind'a like history I suppose.

CENTERBOARD FLEET

By Eric Seymour

"Hard Shift, we gotta go now"..."Ready, 3...2, head to wind...1 let it go...sheet in"..."give me a little more cross sheet"..."Skip, you got one port astern"..."I see em, release the kite halyard, I want to go in five boat lengths to set up for the mark"..."Can you give me any more trim?"..."I can give you a little"....."Ready, 3...2 head to wind...1 let it go...sheet in...good...trim hard"..."we gonna make it?"..."I think I can squeak us in"..."Starboard"..."(I see you)"..."The wind is on this side so we're going to jibe/set"..."got it skip"..."Get ready to ease"..."Ok ease it, ease it.... I'm ready...haul it, go go go"....."set the pole"....

It's easy to get caught up in the excitement of the moment when we're on the water. The thought of making a boat go as fast as it can and using the wind as efficiently as possible is a special kind of thrill. Racing hones your sailing skills to where it makes sailing more fun, even recreational sailing. We all share one thing in this club: we all have some passion for sailing. That's what brings us together, the common thread of sailing and the mutual education that we share with each other.

This coming year we have some great events planned for the Centerboard Fleet. We are planning a distance race, "Steak by The Lake", and a couple of after-race 'Dogs & Burgers on the Grill'. We also are planning some clinics and educational opportunities to help promote fun racing. Of course, Friday Dinghy Night will make another appearance this year. If you missed it last year you missed a lot of fun, especially the swapping of tales and of course pizza. If you don't have a boat to race we will find you one. We had as many as 12 boats on the water for some races, often good wind, and some exciting upsets. Don't miss it this year!

The one thing that I have figured out after doing this for a while is that being on the water with friends and other boats is a lot more fun than being out by yourself. I guess that's why I promote you all joining us on the water with the Centerboard Fleet: I want as many people as possible to enjoy the same type of experiences that I have. I am looking forward to warmer weather and you joining us on the water for a great sailing season. See you on the water!

Eric Seymour
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Centerboard Fleet Captain



RACE MANAGEMENT COURSE

WCSC will be hosting a Race Management Course on Saturday, January 19. The class will start at 10:00 AM and will be about 3-4 hours. Coffee and donuts will be served before and during class and ice cold beer will be available 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. Pre-registration is required and available online at the club website.

Agenda and further details will be available online. See you January 19!

By Tim Crane

Hey there WCSC! I hope that you all got to see some of the Cruising Fleet's 2018 Parade of Lights, because this year it was an awesome night for the parade on Friday.... unfortunately, Saturday night's edition was a washout due to safety concerns for both our sailors and the spectators, due to the inclement weather.

Here's an excerpt from the Independent Mail in Anderson –



That's over a half page of exposure, and this year we only had 11 boats – think about the exposure we can gain for WCSC next year if we doubled that number of boats! I'd urge you to shop the 'after holiday' sales for lights, etc... (make sure they're LED) I'd also urge you to contact friends, family and co-workers that enjoy boating of any kind to join us next year! This year we had one bass boat that joined us; next year it would be wonderful to have ten or even twenty more boats joining us! This is a celebration of the holidays on the water, and we hold open arms to anyone who would like to join us! This is part of the migration of WCSC making ourselves even more a part of our community.

Now, on to what's going on with the Cruising Fleet for 2019! We'll be starting the new year with the Frostbite Series, beginning on January 1st! Afterwards, we'll have a traditional New Year's Day meal at the Clubhouse with greens, peas, and cornbread (who knows, we may even cook another ham). Continuing in January and through February we'll be hosting the remainder of the Frostbite Races, which will all be followed by either chili or soup with cornbread as well. On February 23rd, we're hosting the final race of the Frostbite Series, the Bud Light Cup! After the race there will be a low-country boil! This is open to everyone in the Club, with one restriction – you must register on the Club's website in order to attend.

After the Frostbite series, we'll be starting the 'spring' off with a sail to Waldrops's for lunch, then a sail back to the Club. Later in the year, we'll be hosting many events, most of which end with food, whether it be at the Club or on the Island. There will be the ever-popular Pirate's day, which will be followed by a meal, hopefully on the Island! We'll be sponsoring at least three cruises that will culminate in 'Dinner & a Movie' out on Andersonville Island as well.

Any and ALL of the Cruising Fleet's events are open to the entire membership! Always! If we're doing something on the Island, it's for sure that we have transportation lined up for anyone who doesn't want to make the sail out there. You DO need to let us know if you want to participate, so we can prepare enough food! Please consult the Calendar of Events for all the dates, and the Club's website for full details on all the events the Cruising Fleet has lined up for 2019!

Later in the spring comes the Diva Regatta 2019. Each year this event's success has grown, especially this past year! Thank you to all who participated/attended! This coming year, we need to DOUBLE the number of boats participating. If you have a wife/girlfriend/significant other, we need you both to be on your boat for this regatta! It's always a great time, with great food and entertainment, and it ALL goes to Safe Harbor.

Just one more reminder, the Parade of Lights will be December 6th & 7th this year! PLEASE put it on your Calendar, not only to attend, but to PARTICIPATE, and encourage friends & family to do the same! The Cruising Fleet CAN play a huge part in securing the viability of WCSC in the future – IF you come on out and participate in these events!

An INVOLVED, LIVELY, and ACTIVE Club is a Successful and Growing Club!

I realize this is a lot to digest, I just hope you all understand how important you and your participation at WCSC is. Can't wait to see you all at the Club soon!

Tim Crane



KEELBOAT FLEET

By Steve Kiemele

The 2018 Fall racing season concluded with a chilly distance race on November 11 with George Masson winning A Fleet with his Ultimate 24, and Brian Hampton winning B Fleet with his Santana 20. We were joined by a couple of cruisers in a class of their own – Ben Gibson with his Cal 9.2 (winning) and Steve Ruark with his new Catalina 320. Following the race, we enjoyed hot chili and cold beverages around the clubhouse fireplace.

The final fall season results are as follows:

A Fleet:	1st	Marc Bailey – Melges 24
	2nd	George Masson (Tie) – Ultimate 24
	3rd	Steve Kiemele (Tie) – J70
	4th	Chuck Ballew – Ultimate 20
	5th	Wayne Cheser – J22

Joe Martin, John Barnard, George Snook, Chris Clemow, and Alan Hippensteal also competed during the season but not enough to qualify for series scoring.

B: Fleet:	1st	Brian Hampton – Santana 20
	2nd	John Gulyas – Holder 20

Harry Morse also joined us but not frequently enough for series scoring.

We welcome the regular return of Wayne Cheser to the Keelboat fleet sailing the J22 that he purchased from Roger Welte.

We held our annual meeting on October 6. Dues remain at \$40 per year. Elections for 2019 were as follows:

Steve Kiemele – Fleet Captain
Marc Bailey – Assistant Fleet Captain and PHRF Chair
Margaret Kiemele – Secretary
Brian Hampton – Scorer
Joe Martin – Treasurer

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 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 inherently faster 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.

Steve Kiemele (rhymes with Emily)
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Springboard Regatta and Highlander Midwinters

April 6-7, 2019

**Registration will be available online
and begins in March**

Contact Bruce Busbey with any questions

2018 HOSPICE REGATTA

THANK YOU WCSC!

The Hospice of the Upstate, Ronnie Ashmore and John Kreidler would like to say a big, heartfelt 'thank you' to the Board of Stewards and the members of WCSC. With your help, we were able to raise over \$78,000 at this year's Hospice Regatta. Although we did not make our goal this year, that is a pretty incredible number for our event and something everyone should be very proud of.

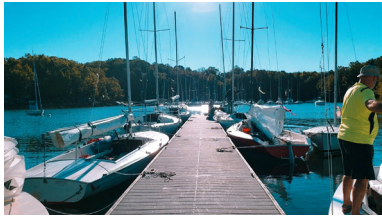
If you helped with the event, and many of you did, thank you for your unwavering support of this incredible charity event. It takes an army to pull this off, and you all came through again.

We had 84 boats attend from all over the east coast who enjoyed light breeze on Saturday and a beautiful 10-15 on Sunday morning. Our own Chris Kafsky, sailing on his Highlander (Fast Eddie) won the overall Championship and will represent WCSC in the Hospice Alliance Regatta Championships. This year they will be held June 20-23 and are hosted by the College of Charleston on J22's. Congratulations Chris!

Start making plans for this year's event scheduled for October 11-13, 2019 and start lining up your 'Sailing for Others' supporters. We will be looking for your support and help in accomplishing our 2019 goal. We will also have some other cool ways for you to help including a return of the gift cards raffle.

THANK YOU! again for your support. You make us proud to be members of Western Carolina Sailing Club!

Ronnie and John



HARBOR COMMITTEE

By Hugh VantLeven Jr.

We as the harbor committee are working hard to improve the docks, dry storage area and camper village into a very pleasant environment that we can bring our family and friends to. The club officers have made tremendous strides to update the docks, grounds and buildings.

The harbor committee has been working to improve the appearance and condition of the boats stored on the property, both on docks and dry storage. We have had a couple of boats nearly sink due to failure by the owners to check on their equipment. Dock lines have failed as well. We, the harbor committee, are striving to bring all boats up to a minimum standard of condition. This includes boat appearance, boat condition, dock line condition and registration. These minimum standards are set forth in the club rules and regulations.

The dock captains are doing quarterly inspections of the docks and boats. When they encounter an issue with the dock they work to resolve that issue. This may be as simple as adjusting the dock due to lake level change, or repairing damage to the dock, replacing rub rails and water logged floats. They also inspect the boats to ensure they meet the minimum standards. They look at the dock lines to ensure they are in good condition and aren't chafing or subject to failure in strong winds. They are also striving to eliminate any and all mosquito farms, whether on the docks or in dry storage.

So, when a dock captain or dry storage coordinator contacts you about an issue with your equipment, he is looking out for your well being, to help keep your boat in operating condition and protect your boat from your neighbor whose equipment may be a hazard to your property. Being a dock captain is not an easy job, and they appreciate any help you can provide. We all have a responsibility to keep the club and premises in pristine condition.

This should also be applied to the road entering the club. The residents of the neighborhood appreciate not having litter deposited on the side of the road. It doesn't speak well of the club if we are responsible for the mess. It should be noted that the club is not the only one responsible for littering, but we should set the example.

Hugh VantLeven Jr., Harbor Committee Chairperson

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

By Spencer Mathews

One junior and four adult members joined our ranks at an orientation meeting at the club on Saturday, October 6.

The junior member, Mitchell Brannon, has been attending the club with his family for about seven years now. He enjoys sailing dinghies and frequently crews with John Kreidler in the centerboard fleet. He decided to take the step of assuming junior membership on his own. His sponsors are his dad, Jeff Brannon, and I.

Among the four adult members we also had someone who has earlier experience with WCSC – Scott Lawrence and his wife Anne. Scott is an attorney who describes himself as an intermediate sailor. The Lawrences are looking for a boat and will probably sail in the centerboard fleet. Their sponsors are A. G. Caldwell and I.

The remaining three are all new members. First, let me introduce William and Becky Ecker, both registered dietitians. Will describes himself as 'semi-retired'. Becky works with Park Ridge Hospital. Their children, Alicia and Corey, are grown. They have previously sailed an Irwin 23 and, while living in Florida, sailed catamarans out of the Clearwater Community Sailing Center. They are looking for a moderate-sized keelboat. Their sponsors are Tom Hill and I.

Second comes David and Jeannette Walworth. They sail a Catalina 22, *Patrick K*. They just began sailing about a year ago and describe themselves as novices, but they have completed the ASA-101 course. They are retired. Their sponsors are Margaret Kiemele and I.

The fifth new members at this meeting were Willy and Emilie Ziminsky. They too describe themselves as novice sailors, but have completed both the ASA-101 course in Charleston and Ron Moede's course up here. Willy works with GE as a Manager Comb. Engineer while Emilie is with the Ambulatory Surgery Center. They have four children: Karel, 18; Ian, 15; Emma, 13; and Elijah, 11. Their sponsors are Ron Moede and Jim Snowden.

Our latest new members are the Parker family: Kimberly and William and their children, Alex who's 12, and Katelyn who's 10. William and Alex attended a new member orientation on the first Saturday in November. Their sponsors are Dan Tegel and Bruce Busbey. William is a mechanical engineer; Kimberly is a nurse practitioner. William has some racing experience from the 1980's in Irwin 30's and Flying Juniors. Alex has attended sail camps over on the coast and has experience in Opti's and 420's. Their goals now are to enjoy daysailing and camaraderie and get racing experience in larger dinghies. They will bring a Lightning to the club. Keep an eye out for them and make sure they know we're glad to have them aboard.



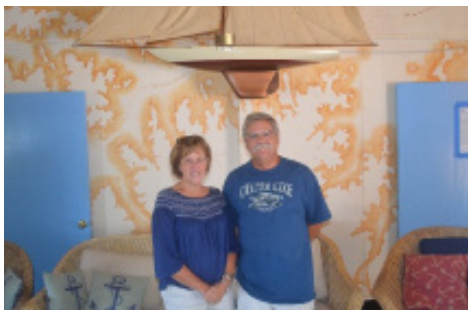
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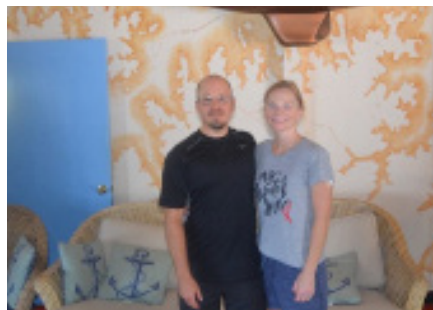
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2019 Diva Regatta to benefit Safe Harbor Empowering Women both On and Off the Water

*Registration will open the beginning of March
BUT collecting donations can start now!*

On May 4, WCSC will be hosting our 8th annual Diva Regatta to benefit Safe Harbor. Over the last 7 years, this event has raised more than \$33,000 for Safe Harbor. Last year our goal was \$10,000 which got blown out of the water with a final number of \$16,600. Our goal for 2019 is \$18,000.

Safe Harbor provides a continuum of services for victims of domestic violence and their children. They also strive to eliminate cultural acceptance of domestic violence through a coordinated community response, prevention and education. The aim is to influence a culture where all people are safe and valued in their relationships.

We will have a Distance Course with 2 fleets: one requiring a female at the helm and the other requiring a female participating on board. They will have the same start but will be scored separately. After the sailing we will have raffles, appetizer, dinner (please rsvp for the dinner), and awards. This year's new addition: Appetizer Contest. Our Sailormen would like to have a contest for the best appetizer as well as hosting the social hour. If you would like to bring a dish and compete, email Dacia Schrecengost. Sunday we will have brunch, and for those who can stay and play, we will have some more sailing opportunities.

If you have any donation items, are interested in sponsorships or have questions, please contact Dacia Schrecengost, 2019 Regatta Chairman at 864-365-6087 or dacia.schrecengost@gmail.com.

Sponsorship packets are available on the club website

BLOODY MARY THISTLE REGATTA

By Scott Griffin

Western Carolina Sailing Club hosted the 2018 edition of the Bloody Mary Regatta on Lake Hartwell this past weekend. It was a great fall weekend with clear skies, cool temps, great fun, and eventually some sailboat racing.

Congratulations to Paul Abdullah, Marie Abdullah, and Mark Gise, winners of the 2018 Bloody Mary Regatta. No races were sailed on Saturday due to a lack of wind, but Sunday was a great day for Thistle sailing, with 10 - 15 out of the E-NE. Two races were sailed with long winward-leeward courses which helped balance out the larger shifts and prevented a one sided race course. Team Abdullah won both races, but there was plenty of action in each throughout the fleet. Steve Burke and Jeremy Pape battled Scott and Nerissa Griffin throughout both races, winning the tie breaker for second. Tanner Shultz sailing with Jack and Scott Finefrock stayed near the front of the fleet all day to claim fourth. Brent McKenzie and AJ Pereira fought back in the second race to take fifth overall, winning the tie breaker over the top female skipper, Liz Barker and teammates Megan Riddle and Karl Felger.

Thank you to the entire race committee team, led by PRO Tommy Craft, as well as all of the participants for supporting the Bloody Mary Regatta and Western Carolina Sailing Club!

Full Results are listed on the next page.

Scott Griffin
Bloody Mary Regatta Chair

BLOODY MARY THISTLE REGATTA RESULTS

Western Carolina Sailing Club 2018 Bloody Mary Regatta Nov 3 - 4, 2018 Series Summary

Pl	Sail	Crew	From	1	2	Tot
1	4035	Paul Abdullah, Mark Gise & Marie Abdullah	FYC	1	1	2
2	533	Steve Burke & Jeremy Pape	LLSC	3	2	5
3	3997	Scott Griffin & Nerissa Griffin	WCSC	2	3	5
4	3958	Tanner Shultz, Jack Finefrock & Scott Finefrock	OSYC	4	5	9
5	3615	Brent McKenzie & AJ Pereira	LLSC	6	8	14
6	3764	Liz Barker, Karl Felger & Megan Riddle	VBC	7	7	14
7	3914	Loy Vaughan, Andrew DeRussy & Alex Tracy	BSC	5	11	16
8	3894	Len Wert, Keegan Musser & Michael Reddaway	AYC	14	4	18
9	3736	Tim Hussey & Thomas Hussey	LHYC	8	10	18
10	1166	Will Tyner & Kip Smith	ChYC	11	9	20
11	3579	Reid Collins & Mike Kirschner	LLSC	9	12	21
12	3659	Andy Russell, Gavin McCormack & Camden McCormack	LNYC	16	6	22
13	3883	David Reddaway, Robin Monroe & Jack Monroe	LLSC	10	13	23
14	3725	John Norton & Dianna Young Paiva	CSC	12	15	27
15	3985	Howard Mendlovitz & John Howell	CSC	13	14	27
16	3026	Jon Doyle & Caz Doyle	CSC	15	16	31
17	3807	Lauren Mershon, Chris Mershon & Aubrey Morris	CSC	17	17	34
18	3783	Bob McCormack & Michael Reddaway	AYC	20\DNS	20\DNS	40T
19	3892	Tommy Glenn & John David Kennedy	MSSC	20\DNS	20\DNS	40T

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21st Annual WCSC Chili and Dessert cook-off

2019 marks the 21st Annual Chili Cook-off.



The cook-off will be held February 2nd at 6:00 PM at the WCSC Clubhouse.

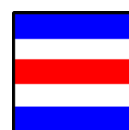
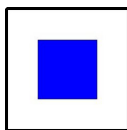
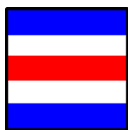
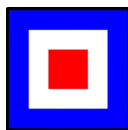
All members are invited. Admission is \$10 or 10 canned goods per family for the local food bank.

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 for the coming year!



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

Contact Hugh VantLeven for additional information
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January	1	1200	Commodores Cup Frostbite	Derek and Annakay Lord
	5	1200	Frostbite #2	
	8	1900	Board Meeting	BOS Monthly meeting held at Clubhouse
	12	1200	Frostbite #3	
	19	1000	WCSC Race Management Seminar	John Kreidler/Alex Bolan
	26	1200	Frostbite #4	
February	2	1800	Chili Cookoff	Hugh VantLeven
	5	1900	Board Meeting	BOS Monthly meeting held at Clubhouse
	9	1200	Frostbite #5	
		1800	Annual Banquet @ The Galley	Commodore Tim Crane
	23	0800	Work Day #1	Rear Commodore Lisa Baker
		1200	Frostbite #6/Bud Light Cup	Alex Bolan
	2	1500	Commissioning Day	Lisa Craft and Board of Stewards
March	3	1200	Keelboat Fleet Spring PHRF Race #1	BENSON, Brent, Hans Wendel, Ron Sanga, Adam Campbell, Markus Engel, Adam Hartwig
	5	1900	Board Meeting	BOS Monthly meeting held at Clubhouse
	9	1000	Centerboard Fleet Meeting	Eric Seymour, Fleet Captain
		1200	Centerboard Fleet Race #1	BALLEW, Chuck, William Parker, Fred Metherell, Peter Finazzo, Sr., Clare Bush, Thad Herbert
	15		Windsong Deadline	Karen Miros
	16	1200	Keelboat Fleet Spring PHRF Race #2	KREIDLER, John, Werner Lehmann, Marv Bromley, Tom Leavitt, Jim Brown, Anthony Scarfatto III
	17	1200	Centerboard Fleet Race #2	BAILEY, Marc, Peter Adolf, Will Ecker, George Masson, Thomas Jacob, Scott Lawrence
	23	1000	Club Championships Spectator Cruise	Tim Crane
	23-24	1000	Club Championships	CHISWELL, Keith, Colin Wilkes, David Walworth, Michael Rayneri, Curtis Poole, John Gulyas, Thomas Hill
	30	0830	Nautical Swap & Shop & Yard Sale	Ron Moede
		1200	Keelboat Fleet Spring PHRF Race #3	BUSBEY, Bruce, Frank Mendenhall, Dave Boyer, Ben Gibson, Woody Bowler, Willy Ziminski
		1800	B Dock Party	Ron Moede, Hosted by B Dock
	31	1200	Centerboard Fleet Race #3	KIEMELE, Steve, Michael Hellstrom, Randy Bannister, Mark McDonald, Curt Rubenstein, Hugh VantLeven

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