

The Windsong

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FROM THE COMMODORE

Hello, WCSC!

Well, 2019 is well on it's way, and though damp, its been a good year so far! We're making plans for some exciting changes at WCSC, and I hope that we can count on all of you to step up and support these new ventures!

We're in the early stages of becoming a Certified ASA Affiliate, as well as a Certified ASA School of Sailing! This is the biggest project of the year so far! Why are we pursuing this? Because of the many benefits it offers WCSC! Specifically:

1. Additional national exposure of WCSC on the ASA website as a source of new members
2. The ability to be able to offer ASA Certifications in Keelboat sailing, again a source of new members
3. The opportunity to increase the number of Certified Sailing Instructors we have at the Club, allowing us to hold classes more often, hopefully increasing membership!

We're installing a new Gate Entry system – Details are in the included article from Chris Miros, but here's the short version – in the coming months, you will receive a new gate code. This code will be unique to you and your family. It will not go into use until the new entry Keypad has been installed. We hope to be in Beta-use of the system by mid-April. Once you get your unique code, please take note of it and store it in your phone or another location you can easily access when you're sitting outside the gate.

We're planning a new building adjacent to the main launch ramp for storage of the Juniors Program's boats, providing additional protection for the boats as well as making it more convenient for them to be used.

This spring is loaded with racing, cruising and social activities – watch your weekly emails – and come on down to the club and hang out with your fellow sailors!

See you at WCSC soon!

Tim Crane

NEW GATE CODE SYSTEM

Hello Everyone,

As you might have noticed, there are utilities marked around the entrance gate area and there is some trenching being done. We are in the process of upgrading our gate system with a new keypad entry system. You should notice a new keypad in the next few weeks at the entrance- don't worry, the existing general code will continue to work until we are ready to green-light the new system!

Once the new system is in place, each family will have their own individual code that will be assigned to them. We are continuing to work out the bugs in the background and trying to make this as smooth a transition as possible for everyone. We will be sending each family their personal code in a separate mailing in the late spring/early summer. Be on the look out for email updates until then! Again, the existing general code will continue to work until further notice. If you have any questions, please email me. Thank you for your patience as we work to make a better system!

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FROM THE VICE COMMODORE

I started my 1st quarter article being amazed that 2019 was here. By the time you read this, we will be 1/4 of the way through 2019. They say that as you get older, time goes faster...I think there's a lesson there! At any rate, here we are!

So far this year, I have raced five of the frostbite races and the first keelboat race. No too shabby. If you've never tried the frostbite series, I can't recommend it enough. My crew(s) and I all had a very good time, whether in shorts (January 1) or bundled up (every other day). The racing is laidback and the members that participate are a great bunch. Almost makes me want a cruising boat instead of my J22. But not quite!

In addition to racing, we've had three Board of Stewards Meetings, a Workday, the Annual Banquet and Commissioning Day. The first and last Frostbite Races are also great after-race parties – Commodores Cup and the Bud Light Cup respectively. So, if you haven't come out yet this year, what are you waiting for? Come on!

In case you haven't noticed, it's been raining a bit lately. Like since November. The good news is that we currently are not worried about the lake level being too low. The bad news, you ask? I believe there is green mold on everything I own. The lake is currently at 661.32 (as of March 14, 2019). As you can see from the graphic below it's still above the "Guide Curve" the Corps uses to manage the levels and flows within the basin. Based upon the below, it appears we are on track to stay pretty full for the foreseeable future. Time to go sailing!

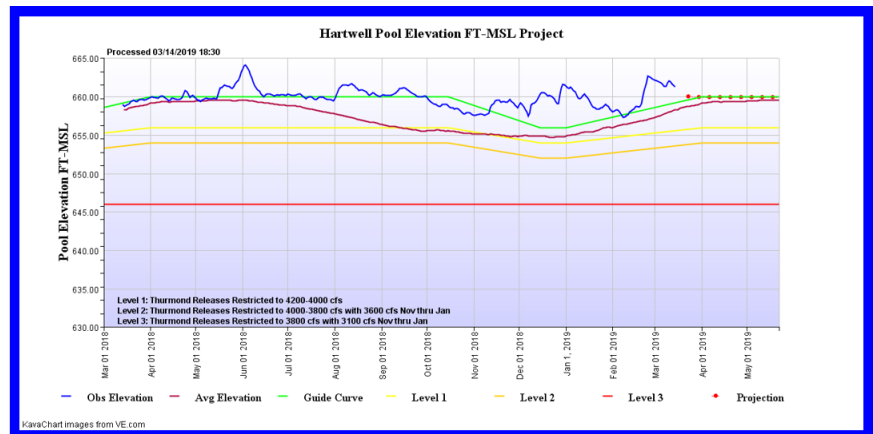
I would request that the Dock Captains watch the level and adjust cables as necessary. Members with boats on moorings should also pay close attention to the level as well. We had over 4 feet of rise in lake level over 5 days in February and it wouldn't surprise me to see something like that again. Please let me or the appropriate person know if you need help!

So, that's what's been going on so far. Before you read this we will have completed the Club Championship which will be live streamed and shown on the TV in the clubhouse. The Centerboard and Keelboat fleets have both started racing for the year and several big regattas are on the horizon. Again, come on out and join us for the festivities! Keep an eye on the website for updates.

If you haven't done it yet, 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 meeting even more of you this year as well as seeing everyone I've already met. If you see issues that require attention, please reach out to me. See everyone soon! Sailing Season is here!

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FROM THE REAR COMMODORE

It's almost spring and I've been busy the past few months learning my new role as Rear Commodore. I am truly amazed and humbled by your kind words of encouragement, the help I've been offered, and all the help I've already received to be successful as your Rear Commodore. Workday #1 was a snap with 24 attendees getting our club ready for Commissioning Day. I want to thank Andrea Lehmann for leading the charge to organize the conference room. It looks great!

The final inspection for the pump out station was conducted February 22 which means you can now pump out your holding tanks! Dennis and I "christened" it on Commissioning Day. You will be very happy to know it is way simpler than it was before. Instead of a 30-45 minute process, it took about 10 minutes. Thank you Ronnie Ashmore, Ron Sanga and John Barnard for making this happen!

Ronnie Ashmore and Ron Sanga found the water leak we've been looking for the past few months. It actually turned out to be THREE water leaks. Before they found the first leak, we were losing 1800 gallons of water a day. After the first repair, it went down to 741. Found the next leak and sadly, it was only down to 714 lost gallons a day. Finally, after repairing the third leak, we are now losing 0 gallons a day. This was a huge project and I can't thank them enough for all the work they did!

I'm excited to announce a new FAQs section of our website! I've had questions from members about boat storage, the work area, different waiting lists, etc. The information is definitely on the website but sometimes it takes a bit to find it. Now it will be at your fingertips! If you have a question that isn't on there, let me know and I'll add it – I'm sure someone else will have the same question at some point. Keep in mind that you have to be logged in to view the FAQs page since it is for members only. It should be working by the time you read this.

A-DOCK 1st Annual



Dinghy Party

April 13th @ 1600

REAR COMMODORE CONT.

I have a fair share opportunity! Roni Bromley has been documenting fair share hours for the club for years and she's ready for a break. The duties would include:

- Receive, acknowledge, and respond to emails from members, project leaders, and Board members regarding fair share hours.
- Record member hours worked on the fair share spreadsheet.
- Prepare reports for the Assistant Treasurer in June and December that indicate those members who did not complete their fair share hours for that period.

If this sounds like something you'd be interested in, please contact me via email.

And finally, in honor of being the club's first female commodore in 2021, I would like to hold a Ladies Forum on April 28 at 1300 to talk to all the ladies at the club, both sailors and non-sailors, to see what is on their minds. Topics will include getting more women involved in the sport and how we can enhance their enjoyment at the sail club. Allison Fontenot will be helping me facilitate this meeting. To quote Allison, "Ladies, we want to hear your issues, your desires and your wild ideas" for our sail club. If you have an item you'd like to see on the agenda, shoot me an email. After the meeting, we will go play on the water and learn a bit about sailing for those who are interested. Light refreshments will be served; come out and join us!

I'm just an email or text away if you have any questions, concerns or ideas. See you at the club!

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WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

By Spencer Mathews

WCSC's first new member of 2019 is Doug Beutler. Doug attended an orientation at the club on Saturday, January 12. He is a friend of Alex Bolan and has crewed for Alex in a J/24. Alex and I are his sponsors. He has been a guest at the club on several occasions so you may already have met him. If so, good for you, because on his application he commented on how he had always felt welcomed during the times he was a guest. But if not, have a look at the picture here and when you do meet him, be sure to let him know we're glad to have him aboard. Doug also sails a Prindle 16 which he and Alex co-own. Doug is a master deputy with the Greenville Sheriff's Office.

Jowell Thome (pronounced 'Tomey' with the accent on the first syllable) joined our happy band at an orientation meeting on Commissioning Day. I know some of you have already met him because he stayed around to enjoy the ceremony and festivities. Regrettably Jowell's wife, Debbie Wilson, wasn't able to attend, so we have to defer the pleasure of making her acquaintance. Jowell is a commercial realtor. Debbie is a partner in a law firm. Jowell tells me that they are preparing to build a residence in the upstate, but for the present, reside in Atlanta. They have no children.

Jowell describes himself as the sailor in the family. He's had experience, even in MORC events, on several kinds of boats, racing sometimes as crew and other times as skipper. He's a windsurfer at present, but is interested in serving as crew in either the Portsmouth or PHRF fleets – a word to the shorthanded skipper! I am one of his sponsors and the other is Jim Hudson. Please do your usual good job of making our newcomers know we're glad to have them aboard.

Spring's comin'. The lake is at 662 and change as I write this. How can it be better? See you on the water.



Doug Beutler



Jowell Thome

DAM DISTANCE RACE

By Rick Fontenot

Welcome to the fifth edition of the 'new and improved' Dam Distance Race. New and Improved again for 2019, as sailing dinghies will be eligible to compete. Traditionally, this race has brought the very casual racers and the non-racers together for a semi-structured sailing experience, not so loose as individual day sailing, but not so formal as Keelboat or Centerboard Fleet racing. The 2019 edition is an attempt to tweak the 'old' distance race concept by leaning a little more towards the 'race' aspect (on the water), and including the all-important post-race party (on shore). We want to provide the fun of friendly competition without the anxieties of the cut-throat sailing often associated with formal racing. And we are going to provide a written guide ("The Beginner's Guide") that will explain to you how to understand, participate in, and hopefully enjoy, this low key race, The Dam Distance Race.



You should notice two distinctions in the event title. First: This is a "distance" event. We plan to have boats out on the lake most of the day. The event starts earlier than most Club races and may continue as late as (on the water) 17:00. Second: This is a "race". The boats will have to correctly start, pass certain government buoys on a specified side of the boat, pass those buoys in a particular order, and finish correctly. Boats will be ranked 1st, 2nd, 3d, and so on. There will be winners and, well..., not winners.

Notwithstanding the previous statement, this race is somewhat different than what the WCSC Keelboat Fleet does. The race organizers (Allison and Rick) are attempting to 'soften' traditional sailboat racing so that novices and non-racers can enjoy competition without the more rigorous aspects of traditional windward/leeward buoy racing. The major difference is the start. It is our belief that the start of a sailboat race is the cause of greatest anxiety for the novice/non-racer. We certainly felt that way when we began racing years ago. I mean, come on, all the boats want to be in the same place at the same time! That can't be what Chapman's calls "seaman-like". Racers can mostly manage this (starting) because they understand (mostly) the somewhat-intricate rules. Cruisers and day sailors are wise to be apprehensive! However, the Dam Distance Race is going to use what is called a pursuit start. Slower boats will start sooner than faster boats. How much sooner is determined by the boat's rating. The organizers will distribute a table that tells each boat at what time they can start. In this manner, the starting line shouldn't be crowded with the entire fleet at the start, as there actually are many starts. In fact, other than two boats having the same rating, each boat will have her own starting time.

There are two additional perks with a pursuit start race. At the end of their race, boats are scored in the order of their finish. If you cross the finish line ahead of another boat, you beat her! You don't have to wait till after the race is over for RC (the Race Committee) to calculate the corrected times. Some may call this instant gratification. Others may call this "I kicked your..." As I was saying, the other perk of the pursuit start race is that the fleet will likely finish the race at near the same time. This allows everyone to get back to the Club for the most important aspect of sailboat racing: the post-race party. A beverage (or two) enhances the re-telling of antics witnessed on the race course.

July 4th Celebration

Thursday July 4th, 2019

Dinner will be served at 7:00 p.m.
Fireworks will begin at dark, but not before 9:00 p.m.

Menu

Entree: -Hot Dog Bar! There will be an assortment of toppings for you to either follow a recipe card or build your own unique dog.

Sides: -Cole Slaw
-Baked Beans
-Watermelon/Cantaloupe/Honeydew Salad
-Tomato Cucumber Salad

Dessert: -Banana Pudding
-Homemade Peach Ice Cream (while it lasts)

Beverages: -Bottled Water
-Assorted Sports Drinks
-This event will be a bring your own cooler event.

Please RSVP via the club website.

Your portion of ice cream or banana pudding depends on it.
For more information, or if you would like to help, please contact
Anna Kay Lord at aklord19@gmail.com or 864-380-9518

We are making a point of having a post-race gathering for this event. A day of racing is fun, but even more fun is a day of racing followed by the camaraderie of the racers having drinks and dinner. To that end, the Club is providing a grilled chicken dinner and you are providing your own beverages (cocktails). Cool prizes will be awarded to the top three finishers in both the racer division and the non-racer division.

Registration is now open, and will close on April 11th. Go to the Club website calendar and click on "The Dam Distance Race 2019 (and After-Race Party)" to find the link to the Dam Distance Race Information Page where you will see all the documents that further describe the event. We hope to see you there. We welcome questions, comments, or conversation!

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CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

By Alex Bolan

Congratulations to Marc Bailey and Will Dehart! They have won the Club Championships with impressive teamwork and incredible sailing! Sailing for this event was like sailing any other day on Lake Hartwell—shifty, unpredictable, and surprising. Saturday's forecast looked absolutely terrible but surprisingly enough we were able to get off six good races. Huge thank you to PRO Dan Marrett and crew for acting swiftly and managing a rather interesting day of racing. Keith Chiswell stepped up to the position of PRO Sunday and unfortunately we did not see any wind. The day was abandoned by 1130. The results are as follows:

Marc Bailey -	9pts
Ronnie Ashemore-	15pts
George Masson-	17pts
Eric Seymour-	24pts
John Barnard-	27pts
Brian Hampton-	34pts

Congratulations to all those that competed and earned their right to be there this past weekend. Marc Bailey not only wins bragging rights, but he will be our club representative to the SAYRA Club Championship on J22's in Charleston later this year. Good luck Marc and we know you will represent us well!



A Special Thank You

Behind any great regatta are the people that make it happen. Even for as small of an event as our club championships are, teamwork and support is needed both on the water and onshore.

Jeremy Marsh- Everyone please give Jeremy a handshake and tell him how great he is at grilling. He was our main chef Saturday night for the Vice Commodore's dinner. Cooking over 100 pieces of chicken for the 60+ people that attended this wonderful dinner.

Maria Bolan and Angie Frengel- A very big thank you to these two women for helping make the meals happen this weekend. Maria prepared side dishes for Saturday night, set up tables and chairs, and cooked the competitors breakfast Sunday morning, while Angie helped with side dishes and setting up dinner. Without their help and wonderful home cooking this weekend would have been rather boring.

Stanton and Danielle Bost- Stanton and Danielle offered to assist us in the live streaming portion of this weekend. They hail from Columbia Sailing Club on Lake Murray and brought their powerboat up to help us get incredible video for this past weekend. Stanton is an avid Lightening and E-Scow sailor, and we should see him again at the club for Springboard Regatta.

Richard Bolan- He is the one who gathered and tested all the equipment to make the live stream happen. He created graphics and spent a lot of his time making sure things went smoothly.

WCSC Members- Thank you to the various members that supported when they could before and during the weekend. More importantly thank you to the club members who allowed us to use your Flying Scots to make this event happen.

“Taking club PR to a whole new level...”

To conclude this weekends report, I am happy to announce that the live stream of Saturday's racing went much better than anticipated. NoMan Aerial wanted to bring quality sailboat racing to the homes of not only members, but sailors all over. Life always gets in the way and being able to watch some good sailboat racing can make anyone's day better. We had low expectations of how this broadcast would turn out, but it surprised us with the result! If you search YouTube for 'WCSC Club Championship' you will find our live stream portion of the racing. This live stream was intended to increase participation from club members, and help spotlight our club in the Upstate. During the course of the live stream we saw a peak of 26 people viewing our live stream. This is a great response! With it being a first time event we have learned how to improve this for future events.

Lastly the South Atlantic Yacht Racing Association caught wind of our live stream and shared it on their Facebook page stating “Club PR taken to a whole new level”. That is exactly what we were aiming for!

Thank you again to everyone who made this event possible. See everyone out on the water soon enough!

CRUISER'S CORNER

By Tim Crane

Hey everybody!

Well, WCSC & the Cruising Fleet started off the year with a great Frostbite series! 19 members raced their boats, accompanied by at least that many as crew! Overall, we averaged just over 7 boats per race! Awesome participation, everyone, thank you all for making this series a success again this year! Also, we'd like to take a moment to say a BIG thank you to the folks who volunteered their Saturdays to serve on Race Committee for the series! We hope that in the future, we won't have to rely on members volunteering to support this Race Series. We're looking into adding some additional distance races scattered throughout the year- look for details in the weekly emails!

Now-what do we have lined up for this Spring? Saturday, April 6th we're planning a sail over to Waldrops restaurant for an afternoon lunch, then returning to the Club – if you've never been, this will be a treat! Great food, friendly service, and one of our neighbors on the lake.

Then on Saturday, April 20th is the Dam Distance Race, once again presented by Rick & Allison Fontenot! Come on out and enjoy this great day on the water and make sure you don't get a 'DNP' (Did Not Party) penalty! Rick has all the details available, as the registration is already open on the Club's website!

On Saturday, April 27th is our 1st Inspiring New Sailors Cruise followed by a cookout at the Club! Everyone is welcome to come, but you do need to register, so that we can have enough food for everyone!

Saturday, May 4th & 5th brings this year's DIVA Regatta for Safe Harbor, please consider registering your boat and supporting this great event! More details are included in this Windsong.

There are, of course, more events scheduled throughout the summer. Watch your weekly emails for updates, come on out, and support the Club by supporting your Fleet through participation! See you on the water soon!

CENTERBOARD FLEET

At the time of this writing we started our racing season with a good day on the water. We had 8 boats on the starting line and we got in 3 races with a good 8 – 12 knot breeze. The temperatures were a little cool but that did not stop us from having a good time on the water. Among the 8 boats we had 3 people as crew new to racing in the Centerboard Fleet. If you get a chance, take a look at the write-ups on the Centerboard Fleet section of the WCSC website.

With the season coming on, we are planning a lot of cool events that you might want to check out. Of course we are bringing back Steak By The Lake on April 27, 2019. When we are done racing, we will have a steak dinner cooked by our very own Grill Master Jeremy Marsh.

For the first time, the Centerboard Fleet we will be doing a distance race around government marks. It will be a 5.5 mile course that will take place right in front of the club. We are also planning some classes on rules, race strategies and boat set-ups. We don't have dates set for them yet but we will keep you posted via the website and e-mail blasts.

If you would like to try racing to see if you would like it or if you know you like it but don't have a boat, you can get in touch with me, John Kreidler or Ronnie Ashmore and we will help you find a boat or a place where you can crew on a boat. As a side note, on the first race day of the season we would have had another boat on the water with us but the skipper was unable to find crew to go out. So if you would like to explore racing, let us know in advance of a race and we will find a spot for you. The race dates are posted on the website calendar or you can get in touch with me. If you are nervous about starting in on racing right away, you can always join us for the Friday Dinghy Night every other Friday from 5:00pm to 8:00pm starting June 7th. It's very low pressure sailing, a lot of fun on Force Fives, Lasers, Sunfish, and Hobie Cats. We can always come up with a boat for you if you don't have one. After the racing we get together for a meal and debrief at the clubhouse. It was a big hit last year and I am expecting it to be even better this year.

Our goal is to build the fleet- believe me when I say the fun increases the more boats you have on the water with you. I would like to see us have 15 boats regularly out with us on race day by the end of the season. Can you imagine the after-party on a busy race day like that? So come join us for some fun on the water and help us build the fleet.

See you on the water.

Eric Seymour FS-4086
Fleet Captain – Centerboard Fleet



KEELBOAT FLEET

The 2019 Spring racing season commenced with a distance race on March 3 with George Masson winning A Fleet with his Ultimate 24. On a day with rain forecast, the participants were George, your author on his J70, Ronnie Ashmore sailing Ed Sherman's Etchells with Ed, VC John Barnard sailing his J22, and Curt Rubinstein sailing his Catalina 30. The selected course was starting at S20, turning at S6, and returning to an S20 finish. At the competitors' meeting, we decided to shorten after two hours if necessary – hoping to avoid the forecasted rain.

The race began in light wind and the three boats (Ultimate 24, J70, and Etchells) in front remained within a few boat lengths of one another for over an hour. These three boats have PHRF ratings within 10 seconds per mile of each other. After a drifting period and some shifts, the wind filled in at about 6 mph creating a tight reach. Unfortunately for the Etchells, the reach was too tight for a symmetrical spinnaker but the Ultimate 24 and J70 were powered up with their asymmetrical spinnakers. The race for first then came down to whether the J70 could hang close enough to the Ultimate for a lower corrected time. It was not to be. The race was euthanized with a shortened finish at S10 on the return. Almost immediately after the sport boats finished, it began to rain. Then it began to rain a lot. Following the race, we enjoyed beef stew and cold beverages around the clubhouse fireplace.

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), 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. "Cruisers" are welcome to participate and will be given their own start if they desire. If you have interest in crewing, contact me and I'll try to find you a ride.

Steve Kiemele (rhymes with Emily), Keelboat Fleet Captain

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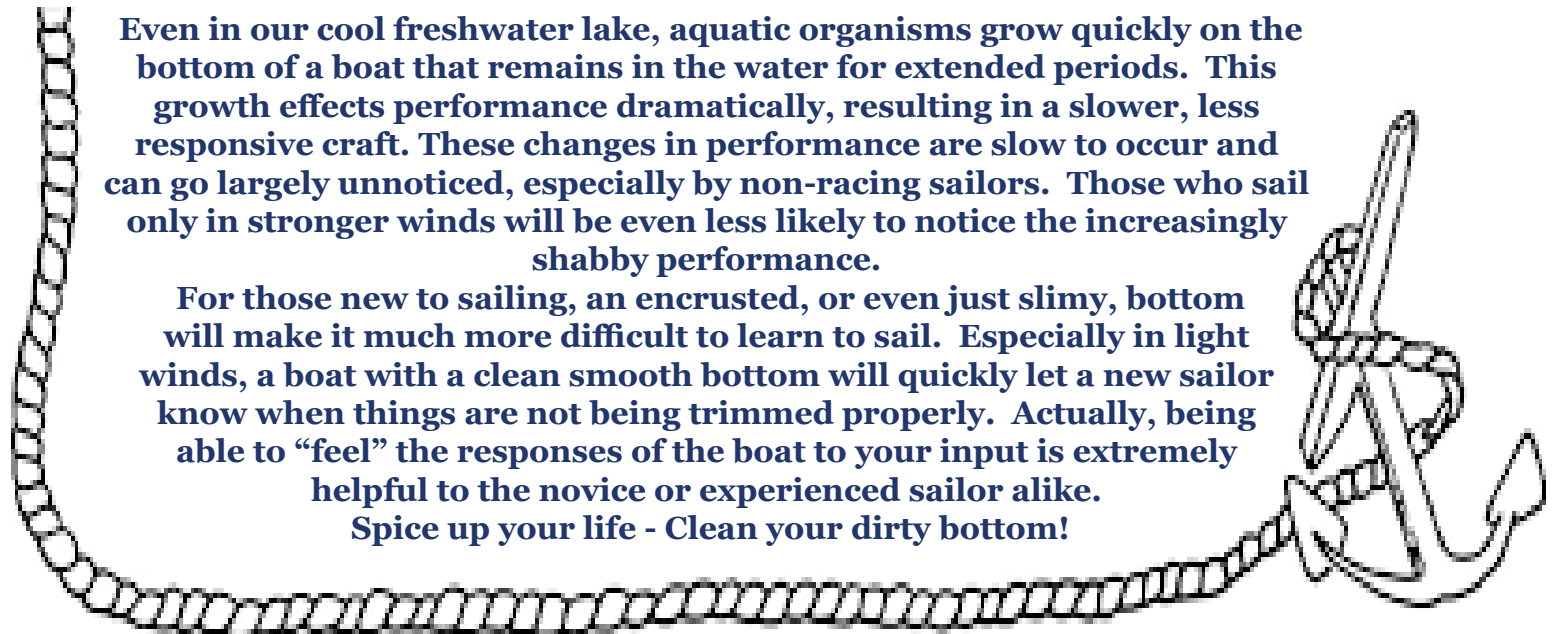
DO YOU HAVE A DIRTY BOTTOM?

By Tom Hill

Even in our cool freshwater lake, aquatic organisms grow quickly on the bottom of a boat that remains in the water for extended periods. This growth effects performance dramatically, resulting in a slower, less responsive craft. These changes in performance are slow to occur and can go largely unnoticed, especially by non-racing sailors. Those who sail only in stronger winds will be even less likely to notice the increasingly shabby performance.

For those new to sailing, an encrusted, or even just slimy, bottom will make it much more difficult to learn to sail. Especially in light winds, a boat with a clean smooth bottom will quickly let a new sailor know when things are not being trimmed properly. Actually, being able to "feel" the responses of the boat to your input is extremely helpful to the novice or experienced sailor alike.

Spice up your life - Clean your dirty bottom!



JUNIORS CORNER

By Joe Martin

Springtime at last! Maybe monsoon season is over. But at least the lake is full.

The Junior Awards presented at the annual banquet in January went to Erin Price and Ross Martin. The Junior Championship results: Third Place to Ross Martin, Second Place to the defending champ Sam Taylor and First Place to Erin Price. Erin liked the left side of the upwind leg all day and made it work perfectly.

Plans are under way for Sail Camp 2019. Be watching the club website and wcscsailcamp.com for much more information to follow. This year will closely resemble last year as we have no major changes planned to the overall schedule. The wcscsailcamp.com was down for a week or two but Jeff "the Maestro" Kaisner is on it as always.

And lastly, ever been working on a workday loading the old trailer and wonder what those goofy square arches are on the trailer? The trailer was originally purchased in the mid 90s as the road trailer to haul juniors to regattas.



Here is an old photo of the prototype of the trailer. Recognize anyone in the picture here?

See Y'all at the club soon.



Atlanta Yacht Club April 13-14
Junior Olympic Sailing Festival

Lake Norman Yacht Club April 27-28
Junior Race City 400 REGATTA *D12Laser*

James Island Yacht Club - June 15-16
OPEN Regatta Jr Course

Hobcaw Yacht Club - July 13-14
57th Annual Open Regatta *D12Laser*

Carolina Yacht Club NC - August 3-4
SAYRA Open *D12 Laser/Grand Prix Laser*

Beaufort Yacht & Sailing Club - September 14-15
Jr Pluff Mud Regatta

Augusta Sailing Club - October 12-13
Halloween Regatta

Columbia Sailing Club - November 2-3
Midlands Regatta *D12 Laser*

Series Awards given at the SAYRA Meeting in January 2020

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JR. GRAND PRIX

By John Gulyas

The SAYRA Jr. Grand prix is a series of Regattas hosted by regional clubs. The goal is to get junior sailors to travel to different venues, continue to develop their sailing skills, and promote sportsmanship. The races are selected during the Annual SAYRA General Meeting held each year. To qualify for the series, a junior must sail 3 races with a minimum of 1 salt water and 1 freshwater regatta. Winners are recognized at the annual general meeting. This is always a highlight of the event.



This year WCSC submitted a bid to be a part of the Jr. Grand Prix. We unfortunately we did not win a bid this year (lost by 1 vote). The good news is we are getting a lot of attention for our WCSC Diva Regatta and our junior program. The Diva Regatta this year will have separate courses for the juniors. We will need volunteers to help with race committee, launching, safety boats, and maybe even boats to loan out to traveler sailors. If interested, please contact Dacia Schrecengost (Regatta Chair), at dacia.schrecengost@gmail.com or 864-365-6087 and Alex Bolan (PRO).

WCSC's many sailing events and the Jr. Grand Prix are great opportunities for our club to continue to promote our juniors and make life long sailors. More information about the Jr. Grand Prix is posted on SAYRA website and Facebook page. Many of these races offer charter boats, camping, hotel blocks, and events for parents to make travel as easy as possible. Let's get our juniors on the water competing against the best in the region!

2018 WCSC Marlin Spike and Sportsmanship Awards

This year's Annual Commodore's Banquet was held at the Galley Restaurant on February 9th. The event was well attended, had a great band, and was MC'ed by Dan Marett. If you were not in attendance, this article is especially for you.

One of my last "duties" as the 2018 Commodore was to select and present the 2018 WCSC Marlin Spike and Sportsmanship Awards. It was my great pleasure and honor to recognize the members below for their dedication, support, and extraordinary efforts to help make WCSC the great place that it is.

2018 WCSC Marlin Spike Awards

As those that were involved in this year's calendar discovered, there is a lot more to this task than they ever imagined. A Marlin Spike was awarded to this member for his twelve years of exemplary service and dedication in coordinating, assembling, and publishing the WCSC annual calendar both in print and posting each activity and event to the WCSC website calendar. A big Thank You to **JOHN KREIDLER!**

The next Marlin Spike was awarded for ongoing exemplary service and dedication to the WCSC racing program. This member served on race committee for Hospice and other major events at WCSC. He typically raced more races than anyone in the centerboard fleet. He designed, organized, and maintained the race equipment on all club RC boats. He offered support to each PRO and their committee on each race day. Note- that equates to more than 25 different race days. He furnished support for starting times on the entire Frostbite series. He served as a one-man race committee for the very successful Friday Night Dinghy Nights this past summer. He was the sponsor/organizer of the Dam Distance race. He constantly takes pictures and posts write-ups of race events to the WCSC website. **RICK FONTENOT**, thank you for your continued service and dedication.

The last Marlin Spike was awarded for ongoing exemplary service and dedication to all WCSC's members along with the club's development and maintenance projects. This member has been and continues to save WCSC countless dollars over all of its facilities. His efforts include, but are certainly not limited to activities such as under-brushing, sewer line repair, plumbing repairs and upgrades, electrical work, pump out station installation, grass planting, landscaping, tree cutting, mast climbing, vent fans, lighting, ditch digging, debris removal, dock repairs, boat delivery, boat repairs, boat launching, road repairs.....etc. **RON SANGA**, thank you for your continued service and dedication.

2018 WCSC Sportsmanship Award

This award was presented to a club member who has stepped up on numerous occasions to help WCSC promote sailing by educating the youth in our area.

WCSC presented/taught second graders in Pickens County as part of their STEM program at three schools on three different days reaching close to 500 students. WCSC presented/taught second graders in Anderson County as part of their STEAM program at one school reaching close to 100 students. WCSC hosted the Central Presbyterian Church youth group by teaching 18 teenagers for several days. WCSC also hosted Boy Scout troops.

This member volunteered as an instructor for each of the above activities and took at least four days off work to support these WCSC efforts. This is in addition to being a part of the WCSC Junior Sail Camp team of instructors/leaders. **PATRICK HOPP**, thank you for your continued service and dedication.

When you see any of these individuals at the club, be sure to thank them for all they do.

Respectfully,

Ronnie Ashmore
2018 WCSC Past Commodore

Memorial Day Party

Saturday May 25th, 2019

Dinner will be served at 7:00 p.m.

Menu

Entree: -Bring your own meat to grill out with.

Sides: -Three Bean Salad
-Watermelon/Cantaloupe/Honeydew Salad
-Tomato Cucumber Avocado Salad

Dessert: -Banana Pudding
-Chocolate Chip Cookies

Beverages: -Bottled Water
- Assorted Beers
-White Wine Sangria

Please RSVP via the club website.

Bring your lawn games, board games, and be ready for a good ole laid back night of fun and laughter.

For more information, or if you would like to help, please contact Anna Kay Lord at aklord19@gmail.com or 864-380-9518





Rose Quartz - love, trust, emotional healing

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Garnet - manifesting, self-worth, healing - \$250

\$250 Includes display of company banner, company name on sponsor board, company name/logo on event media page, and two meal tickets for Saturday night.

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

Registration is OPEN
*You can register, create a fundraising page,
add a t-shirt and extra meal tickets.*

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 \$20,000. 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. We will also have a Juniors Course. They will have their own separate course. Because of this we will need some volunteers for boat launching, race committee, and safety boats.

After the sailing we will have raffles, appetizers, dinner (please RSVP for the dinner), and awards. 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, sponsorships and/or questions, please contact Dacia Schrecengost, 2019 Regatta Chairman, at 864-365-6087 or dacia.schrecengost@gmail.com.

Sponsorship packets are on the club website in Diva Regatta Documents.

WCSC HISTORY CHANNEL

By Jim Hudson, Club Historian

Mystery Sailor, Continued

The skipper in the January Windsong is still unknown. The Thistle is owned by Terhune Sudderth but Terhune informs me he was on the spinnaker, not the tiller, when the picture was taken. So only part of the mystery is solved. It is possible one of the Spitz boys is at the tiller. In his early teens Terhune crewed for the club's first Rear Commodore, Morris Clayton, aboard Morris's Windmill. In addition to being postmaster in Laurens, Morris also surveyed property and Terhune, who occasionally assisted him, assisted in May of 1966 when Morris surveyed the two lots at the gate that Bob Stewart and Bill Rothfuss purchased and eventually transferred to the club. Terhune's father, Terhune "T" Sudderth, joined in May 1967 and served as club treasurer in 1969. A few years later, on September 29, 1976 Terhune joined and continues membership to this day. He was a junior instructor for the first Junior Sailing Camp in 1968 and he still enjoys supporting the junior sailing programs.

Morris Clayton sponsored my membership when I joined in July of 1970. That day marked a turning point in the lives of my family and me because it introduced unforgettable friendships and unparalleled adventures. Most weekends were spent at the club racing and enjoying social gatherings, and there were many sailing vacations. I partnered with Jim Gasque to purchase my first sailboat, a Lightning, from Tom Bates (Commodore 1968). Tom and Bill Sloger (Commodore 1971) became mentors to us, and our second Lightning was purchased from Bill Rothfuss (Commodore 1967).



April	6-7	0800	WCSC Springboard Regatta & Highlander Midwinters	DEHART, Will, Eric Mitchell, Dick Kosa, Lee Moses, Tom Blaskovic, Dan Tegel, James Stumpff, Paul Rock, Skip Smith, James Kicklighter, Richard Freeman
	6	1100	Spring Fling Walddrops Lakeside Dinner Cruise	Tim Crane
	9	1900	Board Meeting	BOS Monthly meeting held at Clubhouse
	13-14	0800	Flying Scot District Champs	John Kreidler
	13	1800	A Dock Party	A Dock
	20	0900	Dam Distance Race	Allison and Rick Fontentot, PRO Ted Sauvain, Susan Whitehead, more details to follow
	25	1800	Learn To Sail Class	Ron Moede- Classroom at WCSC
	26-29	0900	US Sailing Level I Instructor Course	Patrick Hopp/Eileen Farhmeir
	27	0800	Work day #2	Rear Commodore Lisa Baker
		0830	Learn To Sail Class	Ron Moede- On the Water
		1100	Inspiring New Sailors Cruise and Cookout	Tim Crane
		1300	Centerboard Fleet Race #4 & Steak by the Lake	CHESER, Wayne, Gerry Lyons, Scott Smith, Blake Christoffersen, Chris Beckman, Hank Wright
	28	1300	Keelboat Fleet Spring PHRF Race #4	MATHEWS, Spencer, Francisco Acevedo, Marvin Brinn, Jim Snowden, Ernie Dewitt, Win Wright
May	2	1800	Learn To Sail	Ron Moede- Classroom at WCSC
	4-5		DIVA Regatta	Dacia Schrecengost, PRO Brian Hampton
	4	0830	Learn To Sail	Ron Moede- On the Water
	5	0830	Learn To Sail	Ron Moede- On the Water
	7	1900	Board Meeting	BOS Monthly meeting held at Clubhouse
	9	1800	Learn to Sail Class	Ron Moede, Class room Anderson University
	11	0830	Learn to Sail Class	Ron Moede, On the water
		1100	Inspiring New Sailors Cruise and Cookout	Tim Crane
	16	1800	Learn to Sail Class	Ron Moede- Classroom at WCSC
	18	0830	Learn to Sail Class	Ron Moede- On the water
		1200	Pirate Day with Cookout on Island	Tim Crane
		1300	Centerboard Fleet Race #5	John Barnard, Chase Hunter, Jim Culwell, Alan Hippensteal, Jerry Greene, Mark Nichols
	19	0830	Learn to Sail Class	Ron Moede- On the water
	25	1100	Pre Memorial Day Party Cruise	Tim Crane
		1800	Memorial Day Party	AnnaKay Lord
		1300	Centerboard Fleet Race #6	JACOBSEN, Eric, Robert Reeves, Hans Roemer, Hugh Hamilton, Jason Gwardiak, Christy Little, Larry Stansell
	26	1300	Keelboat Fleet Spring PHRF Race #6	MARETT, Dan, Tweetie Bowman, Luke Williams, Brad Bolt, Michael Chewing, Ron Moede
June	1	1000	Around Andersonville Island	Susan Ruark
	4	1900	Board Meeting	BOS Monthly meeting held at Clubhouse
	7	1830	Friday Night Dingy Races	Eric Seymour
	8	1100	Island Cruise with Cookout & Movie on the Island	Tim Crane
	15		Windsong Deadline	Karen Miros
		1730	PHRF/Centerboard Fleet Summer Race #1	MIROS, Chris, Ted Haynie, Sam Albergotti, Tim Bunch, Robert Wilder, Michael Jones
	21	1830	Friday Night Dingy Races	Eric Seymour
	22	1800	D Dock Party	Keat Pruszenki
		1100	Summer "Sailstice Cruise	Tim Crane
	29	1730	PHRF/Centerboard Fleet Summer Race #2	TBD



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