

# The Windsong

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## FROM THE COMMODORE

From the Commodore:

Well that sentence sounds a little strange! It is the beginning of 2020 and my third year on the board. Incredible. The last 2 years have flown by and I have enjoyed it all. I look forward to my year as Commodore and getting to know even more of you. We have a lot to do in 2020 with some pretty major changes taking place at the same time. I know we can accomplish quite a bit if we all pitch in a little bit and work together.

The first thing to discuss is the change in the accounting systems. After 35 years, Mary Ann Caldwell has earned a well-deserved retirement! So, effective January 1, all billing will be done through our new accounting firm, the Alliances. John Kreidler put all of the pertinent information on the website, so start there. Everybody should have received a letter regarding the change as well. Please read it carefully and let us know if you have any questions. We are also offering online bill pay; signup starts in February.

Because promoting sailing to the community should be one of our primary functions, if not THE primary function of the Club, we will be working to expand the Adult Learn to Sail program. This program will serve as an excellent way for the Club to spread the love of sailing to our community. Ron Moede has done a fantastic job of running this program for years through Furman and Anderson University. Last year, they decided not be involved, leaving the program administration up to us. We spent a tremendous amount of time in 2019 working through several issues and we now feel ready to move forward with detailed planning and implementation of a revised program. Vice Commodore Lisa Baker will be taking a lead role in this effort.

The Sailing Committee will be more active and will be working towards a unified vision of how we can increase membership participation at the club. This group will be looking at how to increase participation our racing programs, our cruising programs, and working to make the club-owned boats more accessible to members. The committee will also be involved with the planning for the Adult Learn to Sail Program, as well as looking at potential additional club sailboats and how they could be leveraged into increasing participation. As you can see, that group will be busy. If you are interested in getting involved, let Lisa Baker know.

Now, don't think I've forgotten why we're all here – to sail! I'm looking forward to distance racing with the Cruising Fleet in the Frostbite Series, with the Keelboat Fleet in the spring and fall buoy racing series, hopefully some days with centerboard fleet and yes, some days just sailing around going nowhere in particular! The Friday Night Dinghy Series over the summer continues to be very successful and is a TON of fun. If you have any interest in racing at any level, reach out to the fleet captains or any of the Board Members and we can get you involved. If you don't, see the part about just sailing around above – it's all good!

Beyond the racing and cruising, there's all of the parties and other major events. Come on out and enjoy! You haven't been to a fireworks show until you've been to one of ours!

I have to say I'm very excited about this coming year! I look forward to spending a lot of time at the Club, meeting members I haven't met yet and getting to know the members I have met even better. If you have any questions or need anything, feel free to reach out to me.

Here's to a great 2020! See everyone soon! Get out and go sailing!

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Happy New Year! I hope everyone has heard about the changes happening with our new billing system and that you are at least excited about online billing! It's been a long year getting ready for this transition, and while I'm sure we will have some bumps and hiccups, I'm also sure it will be taking the club in a positive direction. If you have any questions during this time, please don't hesitate to contact me or any of the flag officers.

As a result of the new billing system and due to some rules being outdated or no longer necessary, the Board of Stewards recently updated and approved the Rules and Regulations. Please take the time to read over them. A change to the Club bylaws was also recommended and then approved by the membership at the annual meeting. It changed one word in Article VII, Section 4 on page 13 - from "quarter" to "day". It now reads "New members shall be liable for payment of dues beginning with the day in which they join in addition to payment of any initiation fee".

I've been at this commodore thing for a year now and I've discovered having goals – and telling people about them - drives me to get things done. I want to talk about two goals I have as Vice Commodore for 2020.

### **Club Sailboats**

One of the perks of being a club member, and a hook for potential members, are our club sailboats. Besides knowing we can use the 420's that are on the junior dock, I hear these questions all the time: Which ones are club boats? How can we get on the list to use them? Where is the equipment to be able to use these boats and how do we rig them? Wait, we have club sailboats? My goal is to answer all these questions and more as well as have the information easily accessible on the website.

Anyone interested in helping, shoot me an email. I will definitely need guidance in the rigging department so let me know if that's your forte. I hope to get this completed in the first half of the year – but I can only do that with your help.

### **Adult Learn to Sail**

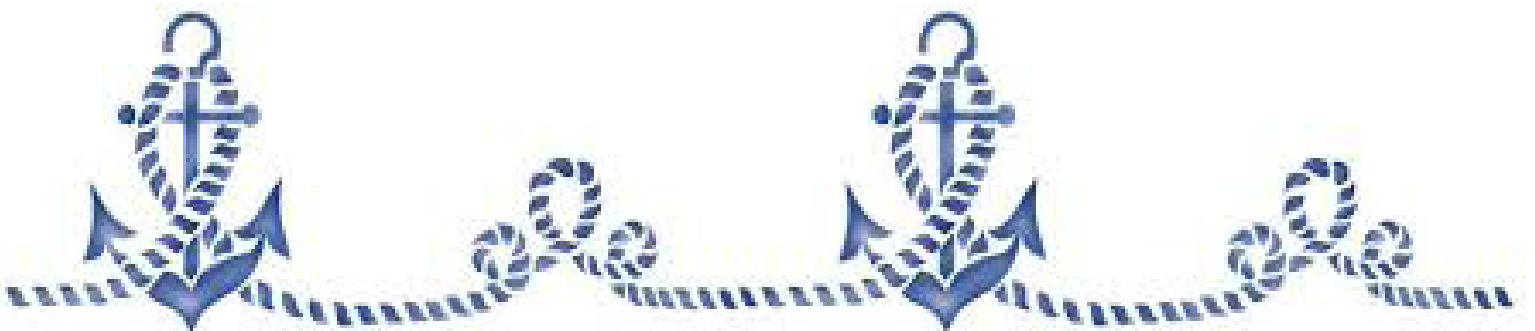
In 2019, then-Commodore Tim Crane facilitated looking into ways to expand this program. While we got answers to a good many questions regarding this endeavor, there are still some to be answered. We need to decide what we want to teach and whether we would provide certifications to the students. Do we want different levels of instruction from beginner to racing? How will we market our program to attract students and new members?

The basic plan is to have up to six classes a year with enough instructors certified so they only teach one class a year. Like the junior program, the Club would cover the cost of their certification. In addition to volunteer instructors, we will need someone to manage Adult Learn to Sail.

But first, before we start certifying instructors, we need a variety of people to come together and answer these questions. If you'd like to instruct, let me know. If you'd like to manage, let me know. If you have thoughts and ideas about this subject but don't want to instruct or manage, we need you too, so let me know!

As I write this, we have had no takers on Sailing Chairman so I am taking the liberty of scheduling the next Sailing Committee meeting for January 18 at 1400 in the clubhouse, after the Racing Rules of Sailing class, led by Robert Kaiser. Only the above two topics will be tackled at the first meeting of the year. Everyone is welcome to attend, even if you are not "officially" on the Sailing Committee. See you there!

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## FROM THE REAR COMMODORE

Ten years and nearly 10,000 nautical miles on Lake Hartwell... That's how long I have been sailing and how long I have been a member of WCSC. I have to say I never thought we would get to this point together. Although John Kreidler and Patrick Hopp said it best when presenting at the 2011 annual meeting: "you're going to hear this name a lot". And thus started my path of project work at our club. Since then, I have coordinated the 2010 ten-year planning committee, coordinated the new playground, managed the clubhouse deck project, co-chaired the Breakwater committee, and served as a BOS steward for eight years. For the last several years, DJ Johnson and Spencer Mathews have asked me to step into the flags.

I travel a lot with my job and never felt I could offer the service consistency needed to manage the club. Ron Moede asked this year and caught me at a good time in my sales career, as this is forecasted to be my last year as a full-time peddler. After asking the love of my life, Diane, for her support, we decided this would be the right time to take on this commitment. So here we go- you got me now, so use me as your dedicated servant who wants nothing more than to live up to the honor of this position.

We have a nice list of projects going that Lisa started under her year as Rear Commodore and I hope to complete during my term. Some of the anticipated projects include: install frost-free hydrants, replace the refrigerator in the Clubhouse, build new Dinghy racks, remove dead trees, and repair or resurface perimeter road.

All of these projects are doable in 2020. We have the budget and the manpower. So we will roll up our sleeves and get to work. Many thanks to the fine group of Chairpersons Lisa assembled- I look forward to helping each one of you as we can accomplish many things together!

Current chairs reporting through the Rear commodore include:

*Camper Village - Don Sawicki*  
*Dry Storage - Ben Gibson*  
*Fair Share - McCall Ginsberg*  
*Fuel - David Ruth*  
*Grounds - Tim Crane*  
*Landscaping- Jill Jerome*  
*House - Paul Rock*  
*Ship Store - Dacia Schrecengost*  
*Work Area - Paul Rock*

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Curt Rubinstein  
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## CHILI COOK-OFF

By Hugh VantLeven

Oh My Gosh!

I almost forgot. The annual chili and dessert extravaganza is just around the corner. Let's see- Saturday, Feb 1, 2020 at 6:00 PM. We'll provide the bread, salad, and drinks. You provide the chili and dessert. Everybody wins! So let's get together and have some fun. Just bring 10 items for the food bank, or \$10 per family to enjoy a sampling of the finest chilies and desserts WCSC members can provide!



## 2019 HOSPICE REGATTA WRAP-UP

By John Kreidler

Thanks to all the competitors who attended the Hospice Regatta in October and to all the volunteers who helped put on another great event! We set an all-time record of over \$86,000 raised this year, an unbelievable number and an incredible accomplishment. It was a great event and we could not have done it without your help (and your friends and family!) and support. **THANK YOU WESTERN CAROLINA SAILING CLUB!**

We owe a special thanks to the following members who show incredible support and dedication to the event. The list is long and I am sure I will forget someone (forgive me if I do), but here goes: Rick Fontenot (Race Management and Equipment), Dennis Baker (Race Management and PRO), Lisa Baker (Distance PRO and scoring), Bruce Busbey (Keelboat PRO), Charlie and Sandra Lord (Kitchen), Bob and Bonnie Fowler (Kitchen), Kayla Robbs (Friday Night Party and Kitchen), Jeremy Marsh (Grill Meister), Spencer Mathews (Registration), Suellen Jones (Registration), Dacia Schrecengost (Registration and Consultation), Keith Schrecengost (Video and Filming), AnnaKay Lord (Raffle), and the entire BOS and flag officers for the unwavering support. The event could not be held without their help, input, support and dedication.

The Sailing For Others program was an incredible success with over \$36,000 raised. Wow! Leaders in the SFO fund raising with over \$1,000 each were Ronnie Ashmore, Dennis Baker, Steward Chris Miros, John Kreidler, John Barnard, Jim Snowden, Commodore Tim Crane, Steward Eric Seymour, Marc Bailey, Sandy Eustis (from Lake Keowee) and Rear Commodore Lisa Baker. These leaders made it happen with an incredible fundraising effort.

We had awesome conditions on Saturday with 10-15 conditions out of the southwest, not so much on Sunday as all racing was cancelled. The fleet winners were Marc Bailey (Green), Charles Henshaw (Red), Hugh VantLeven (Red), Jeff Nuerauter (Bucc 18), Dave Rink (Flying Scot) and Ryan Gaskin (MC Scow). The overall winner (drum roll).... was WCSC's own Hugh VantLeven who will represent Hartwell Lake in the National Hospice Regatta Championship being held in Charleston on J22's in June of 2020. Congratulations Hugh!

Plans and improvements are already underway for the 2020 event. Mark your calendars for the **2020 WCSC Hospice Regatta to be held on October 9-11, 2020.**



## CHRISTMAS PARTY THANK YOU

By Janet Hill

Our 2019 Christmas Party was attended by about 80 adults and children, including "Santa" Ron (Sanga). I would like to thank all those who attended and brought desserts or snacks. And a special thanks to those who helped to make it a cheery event. This was a real group project:

- Barbara and Hugh Vantleven-set up and table decorations
- Ronnie Ashmore and Ron Sanga-retrieval of Christmas tree from the attic and advisors
- A.G. Caldwell and Ronnie Ashmore-providing propane heaters "just in case"
- A.G. Caldwell- live evergreens
- Brent Benson-delivering a massive, well stacked pile of fire wood to the hearth and killer deviled eggs to the snack area
- Eric Seymour-fire starter
- Susan Seymour-Christmas tree decorator
- John Barnard-maker of several executive decisions
- Deconstructors:
  - Tom Hill, Harry Morse, David Walworth, Allison Fontenot and several others whose names I regretfully don't know
- The galley elves:
  - Jeanette Walworth-salad slicer and dicer, kitchen clean up
  - Joann Barnard-WCSC new "First Lady" did whatever was needed at the moment-for hours
  - Andrea Lehman-bread wizard and lasagna watcher
  - Allison Fontenot-consultant, mulled cider provider and clean up
  - Julie Morse-first time at the Club but an enthusiastic cleaner upper

I particularly appreciate all of you who took the time to register for this event. It made my food shopping and preparations in general so much easier.

Happy New Year!



## RACING RULES AND PRO CLASSES

By John Kreidler

Two courses have been scheduled this winter to help prep you for the upcoming racing season. They are:

### **Racing Rules Seminar**

We are scheduling a Rules Seminar for Saturday, January 18th at the WCSC clubhouse. The class will start at 9:00 AM and will be taught by Bob Kaiser from KSC. Bob has extensive rules background and is a US Sailing accredited Judge. If you want to learn more about the Racing Rules of Sailing and get into the details about the basic rules, plan on attending the course.

The agenda, course materials and registration will be online at [www.wcsc-sailing.org](http://www.wcsc-sailing.org). Course cost will be \$10 and will cover food, drink and any printed materials.

### **Race Management Course**

WCSC will be hosting a Race Management Course on Saturday, February 29th. The class will start at 9:00 AM and will last about 3-4 hours. Coffee and donuts will be served before/during class and there will be ice cold beer and pizza 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 on Race Committee.

Two more important things about this class... first, it's free and second, you can earn two fair share hours if you attend the course and pass the test. What a great way to help support WCSC racing AND earn some fair share hours!

More details available online at [www.wcsc-sailing.org](http://www.wcsc-sailing.org). Pre-registration will be available soon and will be required (online at the club website). Agenda and further details will also be available online. We hope to see many of you at these classes!



**IMPORTANT:** The pump out station has been winterized, emptied, and should not be used until spring.



## WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

By Spencer Mathews



**Bradun Dunbar**



**Jim, Catherine, Kathryn,  
Kristan & Abigail Hanson**



**Trevor, Megan,  
Beckett, Avie & Ardyn Slone**

Bradun Dunbar attended a new member orientation on Thursday, October 2. He and his wife Elise joined us on that date. Elise couldn't attend, so you and I can still look forward to meeting her. Both are retired. They have two children, Alexander and Megan, both grown. Their sponsors are Robert Wilder and Ron Moede. They don't have a boat yet, but they hope to get a keelboat and are interested in cruising on the lake. Bradun has been a lifelong sailor on lakes. They also belong to Meals on Wheels, Project Sanctuary, Greenville Literacy, and Team Rubicon. Keep an eye out for them and offer them a ride on your boat so they can gain keelboat experience prior to making the choice of a boat of their own.

Jim Hanson and one of his daughters, Kathryn, attended a new member orientation on the Friday morning of our Hospice regatta, October 11. Their family, including mom, Catherine, and two other daughters, Kristan and Abigail are now part of our happy band. Their sponsors are Mike Miros and I. The three girls are aged 10, 4, and 1 respectively – candidates, perhaps for Sail Camp. They sail a Clipper Marine 26, Kat's Cradle, sail #CM26. Jim is Pastor of the Common Table Church. He has lots of time in small boats, but this is the first keelboat. He and Catherine with their other two daughters were back on the grounds during part of the regatta – just couldn't keep away. They are attracted by the family atmosphere at the club and see us as an organization that they want to enjoy and help grow.

Trevor Slone attended his orientation at my home on the evening of Thursday, October 17. He is a physician working sometimes in the evenings in the Spartanburg Regional Health Center and, so, made it very convenient for me to meet with him before he went there. He and his wife, Megan, and children Beckett, Avie, and Ardyn (ages 8, 7, and 4 respectively) are looking forward to sailing at WCSC and perhaps to taking advantage of Sail Camp. Trevor recently completed Ron Moede's course. His sponsors are Ron and recent new member Marisabel Marratt. The Slones don't have a boat yet, so keep an eye out for them and help them get rides in a variety of boats so they can develop an idea of what will best suit their needs.

Four new members joined us at an orientation meeting at the club on Saturday, November 9 – the day of the E-dock Low Country Boil (which, if you missed it, you have my sympathy – it was great).

Working, as usual, in alphabetical order, let me introduce John and Joan Asher first. They have three sons, all grown: Jonathan, Michael, and Logan. They were in attendance at the E-dock party and John spoke of plans they have to do blue-water cruising. His dad had experience delivering boats along the eastern seaboard and John did some of that with him. They just finished Ron's class and haven't decided on a boat yet but they look forward to sailing within our community as they further their long-range plans. Their sponsors are Robert Wilder and Ron Moede.

Next comes Brooke Johnson who's been crewing at WCSC for some time now (and prefers crewing to sailing a boat of her own.) She doesn't have one yet. She's a teacher at Greenville Tech Charter High School. Her sponsors are Alex Bolan and Tim Crane. She was back at the club racing on the day after the orientation.

Third are Pete and Debbie Mundie. He works with Adidas America and she is a nurse with Bayada Home Health. Pete has been around sailboats since he was a child and has sailed everything from Sunfish to a Cal 31. Right now they have a Boston Whaler Harpoon, a 16 footer. I am one of their sponsors and Jeri Zoerhof is the other. Sadly, Debbie couldn't attend the meeting, so I hope to get to meet her sometime soon.



## NEW MEMBERS CONT.

Fourth is someone who is, in a way, returning to WCSC – Kip Smith, IV, and his wife, Alice. His dad was a member when I joined the club, so Kip is familiar with WCSC ways. He wants his family to have the same kind of experience that he had when he was growing up. One of his sons, Lincoln, attended with him and they were both back at the E-dock party that evening, meeting existing members. I still have the pleasure of meeting Alice and their other son, Kip Smith, V, to look forward to. Their sponsors are Paul Jordan and Jim Snowden. Kip has a Mirage 236, Squirt, sail #70 and a Thistle, Beast, sail #495, both classic racing boats. They're interested in camping paddling, racing, and daysailing.

Didja see the fundraising result for Hospice this year? \$84,500.00! Something for all of us to be proud of. Congratulations to the organizing committee. The lake's down five feet as I write this, but that's very ordinary on a year-to-year basis. We may still get in a little sailing before the year ends. Help our newest members find their feet at the club. See you on the water. See you on the water (I hope).



**John & Joan Asher**



**Brooke Johnson**



**Pete & Debbie Mundie**



**Kip & Lincoln Smith**

## DIVA REGATTA 2020

By Dacia Schrecengost

The 2020 Diva Regatta will be held on May 2, and we are getting very excited as we plan for this year's event!

We are predicting an even larger turnout this year with the added "Island Dinner Party" on Saturday evening, which will be open to outside guests as well as Regatta participants. Even though registration will not be open until March, you can start early collecting either raffle items, sponsors, and cash/check donations.

The sponsor/donation letter is included as a supplement to this issue of the Windsong. Please look it over and consider how you can support this event!

If you would like to volunteer and receive fair share hours or have any questions, contact Dacia Schrecengost at [dacia.schrecengost@gmail.com](mailto:dacia.schrecengost@gmail.com)

## WCSC SHIP STORE

By Dacia Schrecengost

We are taking a new direction for ship store orders so everyone can purchase exactly what sizes/colors/items they would like and not have excess left over onsite.

We will be making quarterly orders that you will order and pay for through our club website. Once the orders are completed, they will be available for pick up at the clubhouse.

This is a new process which I'm sure will take us a little while to work out all the kinks, so please be patient with us as we take this new direction.

If there are items you would like to see with our WCSC logo or ideas for screen printed sailing shirts, email [dacia.schrecengost@gmail.com](mailto:dacia.schrecengost@gmail.com)



By John Kreidler

In case you were not aware, after 35+ years of effort, Mary Ann Caldwell is retiring. A big thank you to Mary Ann for her years of dedication, help and support of the club billing system. What does that mean to you and to the club? Well, we will be moving to a new billing system on January 1st. This article will help communicate and identify changes that are occurring starting January 1st that may impact you. Please take a few minutes to read through the changes. If you have any questions, feel free to contact the Flag officers.

Some key things to remember:

Probably the most significant thing to remember and to change is where your quarterly payment will be sent to. In early January, you will receive an invoice for your club dues and equipment charges. On that invoice will be the new 'remit to' address. If you use online bill payment, please make sure you change the 'remit to' address on your bank's payment system for Western Carolina Sailing Club. If you mail a check, please make sure it is sent to the correct address. The new address for club payments will be:

*WCSC  
c/o The Alliances  
1205 N. Fant Street  
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If you send your payment to the old payment address, we cannot guarantee that your payment will be forwarded to the new billing administrator and it is possible that it could be late and you will be charged a late fee. Please make the changes before the January invoice payment date.

All Communications to Club Officers and administrators will be done using the Club web site. With Mary Ann retiring, all communications that would have been directed to her via email, phone or any other way, will be changing. In the past, many of our members would call her to ask questions about their invoice, other billing questions, fair share questions, equipment changes, etc. Starting January 1st, all communications will be to the Club Officers and administrators using the club website web forms. These forms will be filled out and when submitted, they will be routed to the respective owner or administrator at the club. That officer;/ administrator will be responsible for handling your question or request and responding to you in a timely manner. All the forms are located on the Club FAQ page, and there are more details are on the club website.

## Equipment Billing Changes

We are changing the way we bill for equipment (dry stored boats, trailers, campers, etc.) and will start billing our membership quarterly. This amount will be rounded to the next whole dollar. For instance, if you have a large boat and that fee is \$83 annually, we will start charging \$21 quarterly. Also note that a report of your equipment will be provided with your invoice so you can validate what you are being billed for. If the equipment inventory is incorrect, please communicate any errors or changes to the club using the Invoice Question FAQ on the club website or the Dry Storage FAQs on the website.

To communicate any equipment changes (new equipment, updates, sold equipment, etc.), please go to the club website and fill out and provide updated information about your boat, camper, etc. That information will be sent to the club storage administrators and they will respond to you. **Note:** do not bring any equipment to the club without notifying our club storage administrators and receiving a decal and storage location. Please help us keep the club inventory (and your invoice) accurate. Also note that a fine system has been implemented for any equipment being stored at the club without a sticker/decal, so just to repeat: do not bring any equipment to the club without notifying our club storage administrators. The website location to communicate club equipment changes is at [www.wcsc-sailing.org](http://www.wcsc-sailing.org) and on the home menu link as FAQ.

## Club FAQs

Our 2019 Rear Commodore Lisa Baker has done a great job in setting up a club FAQ. This Frequently Asked Question section of the website covers a lot of different areas and administration of the club including:

- Camper Village information, waiting list additions, and who to contact for more information
- Club Boats and who to contact
- Club documentation including WCSC Bylaws and Rules and Regulations (which have been changed and updated)
- Clubhouse use and request forms
- Club Billing System questions, invoice errors and forms
- Dock Slip Storage information, waiting list, and who to contact for more information
- Dry Storage rules, forms, change requests
- Forums
- Moorings and who to contact for more information
- Pet Policy
- Work Area and who to contact for more information



## NEW CLUB BILLING SYSTEM & FAQs CONT.

Take a minute to check out the FAQs page. It's the place to go if you have any questions about anything club-related. You must be logged on as a member to view the club FAQs; the link is on the home page.

### Membership Address, Email, and Other Profile Updates

In the past, if you moved or changed your email address, you would send an email to Mary Ann. Starting January 1st, any address, email or other profile updates will be completed on the club website. See the article on the club website for more details and screen shots.

### Online Billing and pPayment

One of the key features we want to roll out with the new system is the ability to receive your invoice via email and give you the ability to pay the invoice online. This new feature is optional to all members; for you paper lovers, you can still receive your quarterly invoice via printed paper and USPS delivery. We would love for you to consider the online option and will be allowing members to enroll starting in February. Look for more information on how to enroll after the first of the year.

### New Rules and Changes You Need to be Aware of

Our BOS recently did a complete review of the club rules and regs. Some of the rules and changes help us administer the new billing system. Other changes were done to clean up wording and to address potential issues. I would strongly encourage you to review the summarized changes below and review the complete rules and regulations on the club web site. You can find that link in the club FAQs.

Some key updates and changes are:

- Boats stored on club property shall be in reasonable sailing condition
- No member shall place any equipment or mooring on club property without receiving a space assignment from the appropriate administrator. That means you must have a decal/sticker on your equipment and you are required to communicate with the storage administrator before bringing any property onsite
- Storage fees will be pro-rated by quarter - i.e., if you remove your boat from the property in May, you will not receive a refund for that quarter.
- There will be a \$25 fine if decals are not properly displayed within the current invoice quarter after issue or if permission to bring equipment to the club was not received in advance
- There will be a \$40 charge for each returned check
- There will be a \$25 late fee for any open balance on the first day of the month
- After 90 days of an open balance, the member's gate code and club privileges are suspended
- Members' children under the age of 18 cannot contribute toward the fair share requirement
- Only members volunteering for race committee, after completing their regular race committee duty, will be credited fair share hours. Members who serve both days of a 2 day regatta will continue to receive 10 fair share hours. Fair share will not be credited to a member substituting for another members' assigned race committee duty. These rules apply to PRO's as well.
- A dog that is aggressive towards humans OR another dog will immediately be banned from the property. No more second chances.

## CRUISERS CORNER

By Tim Crane

Hello WCSC!

Can you believe another year has flown by already?! I hope you're all looking forward to a fun and active schedule for the Cruisers at WCSC in 2020!

By the time you receive this, the Commodore's Cup will already be in the books, and I hope that many of you will have taken the opportunity to join us on New Year's Day! We still have the rest of the Frostbite series to look forward to, including the Bud Light Cup and lowcountry boil to finish it out in February! After that, we're going to be scheduling additional Distance Races that will occur on Keelboat Race Days. There will be a separate start for the Distance Racers; keep an eye on your emails for upcoming details!

Later on in the year, we'll also be continuing our normal activities – Pirate Day, Sail-in Movies, etc. Everyone, please remember these are open to ALL WCSC Members, all you need to do is RSVP. Details will be on the calendar, as well as in your Weekly Emails.

Looking forward to seeing you all soon at WCSC!

## KEELBOAT FLEET

It's an honor for me to have been selected as your new keelboat fleet captain. Steve Kiemele served in this role for many years and we all appreciate the effort and knowledge that went into his leadership. Thank you, Steve! We hope to see you back on White Rabbit mixing it up with the boats in A fleet this coming season. Other fleet officers and volunteers are as follow:

- Secretary – George Masson
- Treasurer – Joe Martin
- Assistant fleet captain – Chuck Ballew
- Scorer – Brian Hampton
- PHRF committee chair – Marc Bailey

We are reviewing the fleet bylaws with an eye on making a few modifications to preferred and optional race courses and the inclusion of multihulls in the KB fleet racing series. In addition, I will hold two fleet meeting each year to correspond with the spring and fall racing seasons. The goal is to increase participation in keelboat fleet races and to make racing more enjoyable for all who come out on the course.

As in years past, we start the spring season with a distance race and we end the fall season in the same way.

Another racing season is in the books and I can say we saw a little bit of everything this year. From races with rain and fog where you couldn't see the committee boat or the marks to steamy drifters in the warmer months, which now include September.

There will be some frostbite racing this winter and I hope to contest a few of these before the 2020 spring series kicks off in March.

See you on the water!

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## CENTERBOARD FLEET

We are looking at a brand new year and the Awards Banquet for the 2019 season is right around the corner. In reflection of the 2019 season, we raced 23 races, 17 different captains raced and 8 different types of boats raced. The spring season had more attendance where the weather was with us but not so much in the fall where the weather was not the best.

Looking upon the results of the past season a group of us from the fleet got together to discuss the future growth of the fleet and some things we can do to promote an interest of racing in the club fleets. You will see some changes that we hope will: 1. inspire new people to try the racing thing, 2. nudge some previous racers to rejoin us out on the water and share past experience with the new people, and 3. get those that used to race but forgot they used to race back in the game.

One of the ideas that we will implement is that we will be having a cookout after every Saturday race this year. Also, we are planning on appointing a "Junior Liaison" to bridge the gap between the Juniors and the Centerboard Fleet to generate interest among the Juniors to join us on race days. The plan is to promote fun and fellowship during our Centerboard Fleet events. We understand, it is hard to get out on the water with us sometimes; life gets in the way and stops us from doing some of the things that we really enjoy doing. But when we do get out there, we discover the enjoyment that we have been missing.

We have a lot of great ideas and a lot of cool plans to implement this coming year and you don't want to miss being a part of it, so come out and join us- you won't be disappointed! If you want to join us but don't have a boat, get in touch with me before an event and we will find you a boat to either crew on or skipper. Come out and play with us and see the fun you have been missing.

See you on the water

Eric Seymour  
FS-4086  
Centerboard Fleet Captain

## WOMEN ON THE WATER

By Allison Fontenot

Girls just wanna have fun on a sailboat!

Just because it's winter doesn't mean there is nothing to do.

*Winter WOW Sails -- Coordinator/contact person Allison Fontenot, [allisonf.home@gmail.com](mailto:allisonf.home@gmail.com)*

This is "South" Carolina after all, and there can be fair weather days during the winter months. Our plan is to try to capture some of those and build on what we started this past Spring. At our last Pow WOW in November, we agreed that having a fixed date on the calendar for us to get together works better for our schedules than trying for an impromptu get together. So we picked the Frostbite races as our target. Check out the Club Calendar for those exact dates.

We plan to check out one of the Club Catalina 22s on those days and go out for a leisurely afternoon day sail. Marisabel Marratt and I can skipper, but for anyone who wants to become more comfortable driving this is an easy opportunity.

If you are not already on the WOW committee, send me an email if you are interested in sailing with us and I will send you details.

And by the way, if it is 20 degrees and blowing 20 knots, we can just sit by the fire with a mug of hot chocolate on those days.

Regular Pow WOWs are on the club calendar -- Coordinators/contacts Lisa Baker and Allison Fontenot

Meeting every two months has been working well for us and we decided to continue that schedule, more or less. We will also continue to piggy back onto another Club event date for driving convenience. Again, check out the Club calendar for details.

In addition to wine and snacks and planning our next adventure, we have started spending the last 15 or 20 minutes of each pow WOW on subjects that are useful on the water but can be learned on land. At our last meeting the subject was making friends with a few useful knots. Janet Hill patiently reviewed with us the bowline, the square knot, and the clove hitch, and provided rope for us to practice.

We are also looking ahead to Spring and conducting another AED/CPR activity, and a Sail and Learn activity, and of course getting involved in the Diva Regatta in May!

Hope you can join us!

*"The purpose of the WOW committee is to promote sailing for women and girls at WCSC, promote safety on and off the water, support other committees towards the achievement of mutual goals, and to support WCSC as a whole."*

*Diva Regatta*

*and Island Party*

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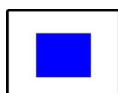
*Regatta*  
**begins at 9am**

*Island Party*  
**begins at 6pm**

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Jan	1	New Year's Day	
	1200	Commodore's Cup Frostbite	Tim Crane, PRO Dan Maret, Tyler Knight, Lisa Baker
	4	1200 Frostbite #2	Tim Crane, PRO Derek Lord, Chris Granger, Paul Schultz
	11	1200 Frostbite #3	Tim Crane, PRO Keith Schrecengost, Walter Crooks, Ron Sanga
	14	1900 Board Meeting	BOS Monthly Meeting Held at Clubhouse
	18	0900 Racing Rules of Sailing	Robert Kaiser, John Kreidler
	20	Martin Luther King Day	
	25	1200 Frostbite #4	Tim Crane, PRO Tony Bolan, James Peele, Dan Lacher
Feb	1	1600 WDW Committee Meeting	Allison Fontenot, Chairperson
	1800	Chili Cookoff	Hugh Vantleven
	2	Groundhog Day, Superbowl Sunday	
	8	1800 Annual Banquet @ The Galley	Commodore John Barnard
	11	1900 Board Meeting	BOS Monthly Meeting Held at Clubhouse
	14	Valentine's Day	
	15	1200 Frostbite #5	Tim Crane, PRO Ted Hardwicke (Keowee Sail Club), Michael Jones, Markus Engel
	17	President's Day	
	22	1200 Frostbite #6/Bud Light Cup	Tim Crane, PRO Alex Bolan, Ted Haynie, Trevor Slone
	29	0900 WCSC Race Management Course	John Kreidler
Mar	7	0800 Work Day #1	Rear Commodore Curt Rubinstein
	1500	Commissioning Day	Lisa Craft and Board of Stewards
	8	Daylight Savings	
	1200	Keelboat Fleet Spring PHRF Race #1	BENSON, Brent, Adam Campbell, Basil Karlow, Fred Metherell, William Parker, Monique Ravesloot
	10	1900 Board Meeting	BOS Monthly Meeting Held at Clubhouse
	14	0900 On-Shore Sailing Basics	Commodore John Barnard
	1000	Centerboard Fleet Meeting	Eric Seymour, Fleet Captain
	1300	Centerboard Fleet Race #1	BALLEW, Chuck, Pete Mundie, David McKee, Peter Finazzo, Sr., Clare Bush, Thad Herbert
	15	Windsong Deadline	Karen Miro
	21	1300 Keelboat Fleet Spring PHRF Race #2	KREIDLER, John, Marv Bromley, Tom Leavitt, Anthony Scarfato III, William Sloger, Jowell Thome III
	22	1300 Centerboard Fleet Race #2	BAILEY, Marc, Peter Adolf, George Masson, Thomas Jacob, Scott Lawrence, Carolyn Edwards
	28	0830 WCSC Swap Meet/Sailing Yard Sale	Ron Moede
	1800	B Dock Party	Ron Moede, Hosted by B Dock
	28-29	1000 Club Championships Spectator Cruise	Cruising Fleet
	28-29	1000 Club Championships	SHERMAN, Ed, Kirk Brutosky, David Walworth, Michael Rayneri, Curtis Poole, John Gulyas, Thomas Hill



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