

The Windsong

EDITOR: KAREN MIROS
wscsonlinepublishing@gmail.com

WESTERN CAROLINA SAILING CLUB

HARTWELL LAKE, ANDERSON, SC

VOLUME LIV, NO. II

APR, 2020



FROM THE COMMODORE

Welcome to the second quarter of 2020. That means Sailing Season is getting ready to take off in a major way and I'm ready! That's being said, some of us have been sailing and racing since January 1!

First, some business: the new accounting firm has completed the first billing run and while there were a few glitches, the new processes are working well. I apologize to the members who experienced issues, but I believe we addressed most of these effectively and relatively quickly. Remember to send ALL payments to the address listed on the invoices. Checks still need to be made payable to Western Carolina Sailing Club. If you have questions, or have a problem, log in to the Club website, go to the FAQ's section, click on the relevant section and fill out the form. The form will be automatically forwarded to the appropriate Flag Officer who will reply. If that doesn't work, feel free to reach out to me or one of the other Flag Officers for help. My contact info is included at the bottom of this article.

Work has begun on expanding the Adult Learn to Sail program. Vice Commodore Lisa Baker is leading this effort and you should see more news about this soon. If you have any interest in becoming an instructor or helping to administer the program, please let Lisa or I know. We'll take all the help we can get!

The Sailing Committee has met at least once and will meet again before you read this. We have started working on organizing the Club owned boats and have some good ideas on how to begin getting more use out of these boats by the membership. Again, if you are interested in getting involved, let Lisa Baker or me know.

We had a very successful Annual Banquet in early February with good food, good music, camaraderie as well as a few adult beverages. For those of you that have not attended one of these events, the main purpose, other than to get together to talk sailing, is to present the Awards for the previous year. All of the fleets presented trophies to the participants of the various sailing series and events. The Junior's program presented their trophies as well. Rick Fontenot presented an excellent (as usual) slide show of Junior Sail Camp that everyone thoroughly enjoyed. All in all, an very good time. I recommend everyone attend next year!

The Frostbite Series started January 1 with the Commodore's Cup and concluded in late February with the Bud Light Cup. We managed to get in 5 of the 6 scheduled race days and had a pretty good turnout every weekend. We also had some good hot meals at the end of each day. A huge thanks to all who contributed or participated in the Series. I'm looking forward to next year's series already!

The Keelboat and Centerboard Fleets all got going in early March and by the time you read this, should be going strong. Both of these fleets would love to have more participation from both a boat perspective and a member perspective. What that means is, if you want to race your boat, come on out, if you just want to crew, we will make that happen. I know some people want to race, but may be a bit intimidated. Crewing for someone may be a good way to see how the races run and to get some experience on the race course. We are always looking for more crew and boats! Come on out and play! The Cruising Fleet will be getting rolling as well as the weather warms up. They always have a list of great events in which to participate! Of course we have many great parties and events scheduled for everyone to come and be part of. Come on down and join us!

One last commentary then I'll sign off. I noticed during some of our cold weather (and water) events that our Race Committee participants were out on the Race Committee boats in full cold weather gear without life jackets. The competitors were all wearing PFDs. I do not want to sound like the Nanny State, but I would HIGHLY recommend that when the air temperature and water temperature are low, that you at least consider wearing a PFD on the water. I am writing this on March 14th and the water temperature

COMMODORE CONT.

today is 59 degrees. While not numbingly cold, I don't think anyone would want to swim in that. Further, foul weather gear is not fun to wear in the water. (Ask me how I know sometime!) A PFD goes a long way to making sure, that in the event of a problem, you get to go home at the end of the day. Rant over, thanks for listening (or reading, as the case may be)

Hope to see everyone soon! Get out and go sailing!

John Barnard,
WCSC 2020 Commodore
(704) 421-3067 | Jdbarnard22@gmail.com

FROM THE VICE COMMODORE

A lot is happening at the club with water-based activities. The 2020 Frostbite Series is in the books and plans are already being made for 2021. The Keelboat Fleet season kicked off on March 8 with a distance race and the Centerboard Fleet got started on March 14. The Club Champion was crowned this past weekend. We've also had more than our fair share of rain and the lake is up 8 feet since December. The week before the Annual Banquet, we had 76 degrees on Monday; 4 - 6 inches of rain along with a tornado or two on Thursday; dropping temps and howling winds gusting to 40 mph on Friday; and then an inch of snow on Saturday. That is one crazy week of weather!

Unfortunately, the howling wind damaged D and E Docks and hopefully repairs have been made by the time you read this. E Dock took the brunt of the winds and had the most damage. B Dock already needed repairs, so the winds didn't help that situation. Thanks to the efforts of Ron Sanga, Bud Bush, Curt Rubinstein, Paul Schultz and others, the damage to E dock was contained. It could have been a whole lot worse.

With the lake levels going up, our dock captains have been busy adjusting their docks accordingly. Please keep in mind that only dock captains should be doing that. They've been trained and they know where their docks should be. If you feel inclined to adjust a dock to help out – don't do it! Instead, get in touch with your dock captain, Dan Marett, or myself and we will get it adjusted. Too many cooks in the kitchen spoil the cake, ya know what I mean?

I've been busy with three committees this year – Harbor, Sailing and Public Relations. Harbor Committee is well, same ole, same ole. Everyone is getting used to the new billing system as it affects every area differently. We do, however, have a fair share opportunity for those of you who are licensed scuba divers. We used to have a bunch of divers, but some can't do it anymore for health reasons or are aging out. We're down to 2 or 3 and with the amount of work we do, we could definitely use more. If this is you, contact either me or Keith Schrecengost. The next meeting for the Harbor Committee is April 19 at 1400. The Sailing Committee is getting things done behind the scenes and new changes to club sailboats are coming soon. We're also making progress on the new Learn to Sail program that will start in 2021. If you would like to be an instructor and haven't contacted me already, please let me know asap. Our last meeting was held on March 29, which is too late in the month for me to report on any new progress. The next meeting will be sometime in May.

That brings me to Public Relations. This committee covers publicity, social media and website administration and hasn't been active since 2014 so this is a brand-new team. Since I'm on it, I thought I would share some information we'd like you to know. If you have any questions, ideas, or you want to join our team, please contact us at publicrelations@wcsc-sailing.org. We also want to tell anyone who is struggling to do stuff on the website, whether that be forums, updating the address in your profile, or learning how to send emails as a club officer, we are here to help. Shoot us an email and we'll answer the question or set up a time to walk you through it. Finally, as a club, needing new members is a constant all year, as current members resign for various reasons. In order to do that, the public needs to be aware we are here and to understand what an extraordinary club we are. We all can do that by simply sharing WCSC posts within our social networks. WCSC has pages on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and YouTube. Go find our page, follow us, and then share it with your network! You could even post links in the Next Door app. You never know who is going to look at it, be intrigued, and then possibly become our newest member. All thanks to doing something as simple as sharing.

Speaking of getting new members, the Board of Stewards just approved a new endeavor that will bring in new prospects. Look for that article in the online version of the Windsong to see how you can help. It's gonna be fun!

We have the Dam Distance Race, a Force Five Regatta, the Diva Regatta, and the Around Andersonville Island race coming up this quarter. Not to mention fleet racing and cruising events. Check your calendar and come out and join us!

See you there!
Lisa Baker, Vice Commodore
864 901 0161 | Ltha39@gmail.com

Spring hit WCSC hard with a windstorm that blew down a large tree on the point and wrecked E dock. We had to hit the ground running this spring with many of our project goals to complete or get underway.

We had 32 ambitious members volunteered for Workday number 1, that's a lot! Below are some accomplishments:

- o We cleaned the clubhouse for commissioning day.
- o Kirsten and Reed installed 100 folding chair foot protectors to make dining experiences slightly quieter.
- o WOW "Women on the Water" helped set up for the Commissioning Day dinner. There were lovely sailboat decorations and table clothes- thank you to Mikhail, Liliya, Katelyn, Lisa, and Andrea.
- o Jill Jerome landscaped around the clubhouse and the flagpole area was spruced up for the day's ceremonies, including washed gravel walkways.
- o David and Bruce rearranged boats in Dry Storage. Compliments already from the owners of the boats they moved.
- o Ben helped pull the fallen tree off our perimeter road.
- o Gary and Larry cut up the fallen tree on the point, and stacked the pine logs around all the outdoors fire rings.
- o Brent helped removed the root ball from the fallen tree.
- o 14 hardy Sailors - Jerry, Mark, Michael, Leland, John, Woody, Greg, Frank, Thomas, Ilya, William, Hank, Steve, Doug, B.J. - used loppers and chain saws and cleared underbrush from the shores all around our club.
- o Ron helped by operating the tractor, moving large debris to the Boneyard trash pile in addition to moving the North launch ramp back into place.
- o John collected two derelict boats and debris from the Boneyard pile and underbrush logs and clippings set out on the road into our trailer to be hauled off to the landfill.

Everyone had a fun, productive and rewarding day putting our Sailing Home back in order. No one was injured!! Lots of laughs, conversation, fellowship and some excitement had by all. Approximately 160 fair share hours recorded on Workday #1. This was all executed between 0800 and 1300 hours, enabling the group time to shower or cleanup for the Commissioning Day ceremony.

Here are some other updates and changes around the Club:

- o Our New Ice Box arrived last week. It's a brand spanking new, beautiful, double-door stainless steel commercial refrigerator. The old black fridge will be auctioned off to club members. I plan to promote it on Google groups. It will make a nice beer cooler in a club member's garage. Proceeds will be placed in the Junior Development Fund. Our new addition fits very nicely in the kitchen where the old one was. The First aid station moved to the lobby behind the kitchen door, in plain sight and with easy access.
- o If you haven't been to our clubhouse in the evening lately, you are in for a big surprise. Through the magnificent efforts (30 man hours on ladders) of "R squared" (Ron Sanga and Ronnie Ashmore) you will see a bright shining gathering room, kitchen and lobby area. They installed all new light fixtures with bright LED bulbs. I am sure you will agree with me our clubhouse looks wonderfully changed from how we remember it.
- o We installed a new gateway policy sign and updated the event placards on the entrance sign. Our entrance looks suitably inviting.
- o We had our Electrical Inspection/Audit. We cleared and sent the signed report to Mel as we prepare for our 2020 ACOE annual inspection on March 25th.
- o Whilst all this was going on, Spencer was orienting two new members in our committee room. Imagine what a good feeling and impression it must have presented to these novice members.

Now it's time to rest up for the next workday coming on April 25th. You must plan to attend and enjoy the rewards which come from working with and helping others make our piece of paradise last forever!

Dedicated to and respectfully submitted,

Curt Rubinstein
Rear Commodore 2020 and proud member of WCSC



FROM THE BOTTOM OF THE WORLD TO THE TOP

By Wayne Cheser

In January of 2019 I traveled to Tierra del Fuego, South America and then joined an expedition ship that cruised across the infamous Drake Passage to the Antarctic Peninsula. The cruise included day trips on zodiacs with up-close encounters with orca and humpback whales, four species of penguins by the thousands, and seals, as well as ice and geological adventures.

In July of 2019, via Finland and Murmansk, Russia, I traveled to the geographic North Pole on a Russian icebreaker, *50 Years of Victory*. After navigating through open water for several days in the Barents Sea past Franz Joseph's Land, we broke through ice for over five days to reach the pole. Along the way we saw various species of arctic birds, seals and walruses, and 20 or more polar bears. After pounding through ice and ridges of ice that were sometimes five meters thick we reached 90 degrees North where the sun did not set. Teresa traveled with me to Antarctica but I traveled alone along with other environmental and wildlife enthusiasts to the pole. Antarctica is a continent, but the North Pole is positioned in the Arctic ocean which remains frozen year round.

The pictures show the WCSC burgee at both of these locations. The picture with the red Russian ship in the background is at the actual geographic North Pole.

David Wayne Cheser, Commodore 2002



DIVA REGATTA & ISLAND PARTY BENEFITING SAFE HARBOR

By Dacia Schrecengost

On May 2, 2020, Western Carolina Sailing Club will host the 9th Annual Diva Regatta & Island Party Benefiting Safe Harbor. Over the last eight years, this event has raised more than \$60,500 for Safe Harbor, and we hope to blow our fundraising goal out of the water again this year!

The Diva Regatta includes a Distance Course open to all boats with 2 fleets- one requiring a female at the helm and the other requiring a female participating on board. Both have the same start time, but will be scored separately.

We round out the evening with the Island Party, open to sailors, friends of Safe Harbor and WCSC, and anyone who likes to have a good time! The Island Party features raffles and a silent auction, delicious appetizers, dinner and drinks, live music and a sailing awards ceremony.

The Diva Regatta & Island Party is a great event supporting an even greater cause, Safe Harbor. Safe Harbor is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization dedicated to helping victims of domestic violence in the Upstate of South Carolina. They offer a continuum of services, providing safe emergency shelter, counseling, assistance with orders of protection, and transitional housing, as well as teen dating violence education and community outreach in Greenville, Anderson, Pickens, and Oconee counties.

To register to race, buy Island Party tickets (at the clubhouse), buy raffle ticket for a golf cart and a cordless battery Ryobi Lawnmower (you do NOT have to be present to win) and/or Donate to Safe Harbor, go to <https://secure.qgiv.com/event/diva-regatta2020/>

If you would like to sponsor (so far we have \$18,000 in sponsorship), please contact Dacia at dacia.schrecengost@gmail.com

Thank you for your continued support of this event!

DINGHY FLEET

By Eric Seymour

The Summer Friday Dinghy Night series is planned to kick off on Friday, May 29th with racing every other Friday night until the end of August with an additional Friday around the time of Junior Sail Camp. If you have not experienced this you need to come out and join us. This is the ultimate in low pressure and low stress racing that you have ever seen. People helping each other on the water and having a good time. It is like a big party where some racing breaks out. There is a family friendly atmosphere, good food and plenty of social activity. Just right for a summer season. I look forward to these events every year. As always, if you don't have a boat and would like to join us, get in touch with me or Brian Hampton and we will find you a boat we have plenty to pick from. We are trying to get a few more Juniors to join us on the water this year so if you have a Junior sailor or know one that would benefit from all of this fun, get them to the club on Dinghy Night to join us and we will take it from there. I am looking forward to seeing you on the water this summer.

WOMEN ON THE WATER

By McCall Ginsberg

The Women on the Water Committee has had an exciting and education-filled winter quarter. Several members of WOW started 2020 with a brisk sail on New Year's Day on one of the club Catalinas. It was a perfect day for a reef in the main, which lead us to the first educational session of the year, "Knot Tying", which was held on shore on January 1st. Additionally, members reviewed reefing and operation of the outboard motor on January 4th.

During the February 1st WOW committee meeting, Allison Fontenot provided an overview of the "rules of the road", as well as the five basic rules of racing. Then, on February 22nd, with temperatures in the mid-50's, several members took out a Club Catalina to spectate the Frostbite race fleet and observe the rules of sailing in action.

Up next: An exciting (and hopefully warm) spring with the following planned events: An opportunity for members to familiarize themselves with basic AED/CPR skills, date pending. Members of WOW will also be participating in weekend sails and we look forward to sailing in the Diva Regatta on May 2nd. Be on the lookout for our soon to be finalized WOW logo and burgee!

The mission of the Women on the Water 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.



WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

By Spencer Mathews



Ed Skewes



Frans van Zeeland



Rick and Donna Henson

Ed Skewes and Frans van Zeeland attended an orientation on the morning of March 7, Commissioning Day. Ed is a returning member who sails a JY 15. His sponsors are Jeri Zoerhof and Mike Miros. Before he retired, he was the director of Prosthetics/Orthotics at the Shriners Hospital where he worked for 38 years.

Frans is originally from Holland. He sails a Wayfarer and has sailed in many of the Wayfarer class events. He is retired from VF Corp. He and his wife Susie recently moved here from Greensboro, NC. His sponsors are Tom Hill and Curt Rubinstein. For those unfamiliar with the Wayfarer class, Frans sent me a photo of his boat, Carolina Dutch.

Donna and Rick Henson attended an orientation meeting on March 12. Because of an illness in my family, I had to cancel a previous meeting that they planned to attend, so they suggested the alternative date and that we meet in Greenville this time around. That made my travel arrangements much more convenient, so I appreciate their kindness and flexibility. They sail a Catalina 250, GYPSY MOON. As do some of our other members, they don't live too far from the club, so they've elected to keep her at home and come up to the club for events in which they participate.



Rick has been flying for a long time and is a pilot with NETJETS. Donna volunteers with the YMCA, assisting them in their membership efforts. Their first sailboat, which they still have, is a Compaq catboat (a Suncat) that they have restored. They've been married for 35 years so all their children are grown, but they have grandchildren who may get to enjoy things at the club such as sail camp. I think you'll find them easy to get to know. Be sure to let them know we're glad to have them aboard.

The Corps is gradually getting the lake level down. As I write this it's at 661.29, so we have a gracious plenty of water. See you on the lake.

WCSC HISTORY CHANNEL

By Jim Hudson

WCSC – The First Ten Years was recently completed and is available to Club members via the WCSC website. To access it, sign in to the site and click on 'Our Story' then 'Club History' and finally click on the box 'WCSC History – The First Ten Years'. This history is based on Windsong articles published during the past three years but shortened and edited to be more appropriate for this use.

I became a member of WCSC in July of 1970, seven years after the Club was chartered. My membership changed my life and the lives of my family members too. There have been lifelong friendships and many cherished sailing experiences with family and friends. I have been awed by the Club's spirit and especially awed at the vision, drive and accomplishments during the first ten years. As time moved on and founders and sailing friends moved on, and passed on, I was concerned that we would lose sight of the importance of that period. Upon retirement, I put completing this history on a bucket list, so to speak, and so here we are.

It is 28 pages long, but there are plenty of pictures. I hope many of you enjoy reading it as much as I have enjoyed researching and writing it.

Jim ,,,_/_),,,

DINGHY RACKS

By James Peele

Hello all Club members. Please allow me to introduce myself. I am James Peele and have been given the honor of keeping up with the Dinghy Racks under Dry Storage. As some of you are aware, the design phase for "New Racks" is completed (Glenn Killinger has been instrumental in this endeavor). However, we have a hitch. To ensure that all who desire use of the Dinghy Racks around the club have appropriate access to the rack bays, we need an up-to-date accounting of the required spaces.

This past week, I put eyes and hands on 3 of the 5 racks on club grounds and identified that in those 3 racks, there were 12 "dinghy-type properties"--WaterTender / WalkerBay / Canoe / Kayak / PaddleBoards / Paddle Boats--that were missing club decals or decals were faded, and also were in need of some TLC. Some had damage to their hulls and some have not been utilized in quite a while. The Club needs to know if some of these properties have been abandoned or need to be removed from club property and its Inventory Lists.

Please refer to: Dry Storage Rules and Regulations "WCSC Rules and Regulations - Effective 12/10/19, pages 10 to 18." WCSC Rules and Regulations can be found by logging on to the website, clicking on FAQ, click on All Forms, click "I am not sure which Form I need," then click on "Dry Storage" and the form you need to submit. If you are needing a Club Decal or replacement please fill out the form with all pertinent information and your request will be forwarded to me so that I may assist you in meeting the Dry Storage Rules and Regulations for Dinghy Racks.

Please be advised and refer to "WESTERN CAROLINA SAILING CLUB RULES AND REGULATIONS, Revised December 2019 Pages 10 and 11 of 37, under BOAT AND EQUIPMENT STORAGE POLICY: 2) Dock / Mooring / Dry Storage Qualification iv) No member shall place any equipment or mooring on Club property without receiving a space assignment from the appropriate administrator, as well as having identification decals properly displayed; and, v) A \$25.00 fine shall be assessed 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; and, vi) No annual storage fee shall be assessed for sailboards, auxiliary boat tenders, and other small boats stored in dinghy racks. If not kept in dinghy racks, the fee for boats <14 feet applies and includes all member-owned inflatables, paddle boats, etc." Under "iv" and "v" are further descriptors to help you remain compliant.

Also, even though no fee applies, items stored in dinghy racks now appear on quarterly statements. Please check statements for accuracy and make any needed corrections using the correct forms available on the website.

Please keep in mind: "For dinghy's and anything stored on dinghy racks, the decal shall be placed on the side most often stored to the front of the rack so as to be visible by anyone walking by." All properties stored on the Dinghy Racks should have the WCSC Decal on the road side of the Dinghy Rack.

Folks, to expedite the construction process and for accuracy of the Inventory on Club racks, I encourage you check the condition of your property and need for decal or replacement decal in the next few weeks in accordance with the Dry Storage Rules and Regulations or ASAP. Our goal is for all of this to be done by the end of May in order for it to reflect on the quarterly billing; thus, the need for your immediate help in this matter. Please help us (and me) to properly identify your property with the Club Decal so that you can be assigned a rack bay(s) to meet your individual needs.

We think you will be well-pleased with the new design feature. I thank you for the honor of meeting you and assisting you as we move forward with the Dinghy Rack project.

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 February went to Erin Price and Makalya McCullough. The Junior Championship resulted in a back-to-back winner. First place to Erin. Makalya was awarded the Junior Sportsmanship Trophy.

Plans are under way for Sail Camp 2020. 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.

We will certainly be monitoring the CoVid 19 situation with regards to camp and large gatherings. Too early to tell how that will or will not impact sail camp activities in June and July. Stay safe everyone and watch out for your neighbors.

See Y'all at the club soon.

LET'S GO SAILING

By Lisa Baker

Member Recruitment

The Membership Committee came up with a fabulous idea last year to increase membership. Starting as a 'mini open house', it soon developed into a plan to advertise for prospects that might want to be taken for a short sail. While discussing this idea, they discovered a national group already had a version of what they were envisioning. While we could sign up for the program, we have decided not to pursue that route since it encourages charging for this activity, among other reasons.

After discussions with the BOS, Membership Committee, Sailing Committee and the Public Relations Committee, we put these ideas and thoughts together so we can be ready for the spring season of sailing and give our plan a whirl.

Our first thought was that we needed a name since we can't use First Sail. The PR Committee came up with Let's Go Sailing. First, the concept and later, the steps needing completion before we can advertise and get our first prospects.

Concept – Let's Go Sailing

A prospect hears about Let's Go Sailing through our marketing strategies. Let's call her Annie. Annie has a husband and two kids and has always wondered what sailing was all about and whether it was an activity she could enjoy with her family. She goes to the website, finds the informational page, which leads her to the scheduling page for a 2 hour first-time-on-a-sailboat adventure and signs up her family. A member calls or emails Annie to agree on a date and assign her a host. He gives her a temporary gate code and instructs her to meet her "host" at the clubhouse.

The day of, the family heads down to Western Carolina Sailing Club and are greeted at the clubhouse by their host. Annie and her family are given life jackets to wear, along with a short dialogue about safety and the different parts of a sailboat. Then they head down to the boat for the sail!

During the sail, the hosts on Annie's boat describe how to see the wind, the proper shape of a jib and a main, and why lines are called sheets instead of sails being called sheets. They tack, jibe, maybe go wing-on-wing and eventually come back into the harbor.

After taking off their life jackets, Annie and family are given a golf cart tour around the club to drink in all the amazing amenities WCSC has to offer. Before leaving, each prospect is given a brochure about WCSC and how they can apply online. The choice is Annie's on whether to apply when she gets home, or not. No pressure here. But wait, you also offer Junior Sail Camp?? Hmmmm.....

Goals

- To show each participant how much fun sailing is
- To show that sailing is easy; anyone can sail a boat with a few basic skills
- To maximize hands-on participation and keep all participants engaged
- To showcase WCSC as a place for adults and kids to learn and enjoy sailing, as well as social activities for the whole family, with the best sunset view on Lake Hartwell

Action Items

Let's Go Sailing can start whenever the following tasks are completed. These are in no certain order, except the first one, which is very important to me:

- Recruit a member or specific committee to finish developing and run this program (Membership Committee?)
- Recruit members with stable (un-tippy), day-sailing boats to take prospects out for the first time
- Recruit members for safety boat crew, tour guides, etc.
- Develop "informational" email in response to signing up with not only information about getting to WCSC and what to wear and bring, but also terminology and concepts
- Develop club informational webpage
- Set up online registration on the website
- Establish insurance/liability requirements
- Set up an emergency action plan, have first aid kits on every host boat
- Develop a 2 hour program that all "hosts" will follow to ensure the prospect is discovering the beauty of sailing AND the beauty of WCSC (Ed Sherman has begun this process)

There may be other action items we are missing so please let me know if you think of anything. We also need volunteers for most of the above. Don't you love how I'm always asking for volunteers? Contact me at Ltha39@gmail.com to let me know where you are willing to help. I'll pass your information to the new coordinator as soon as I get one. Let's Go Sailing!!!

KEELBOAT FLEET

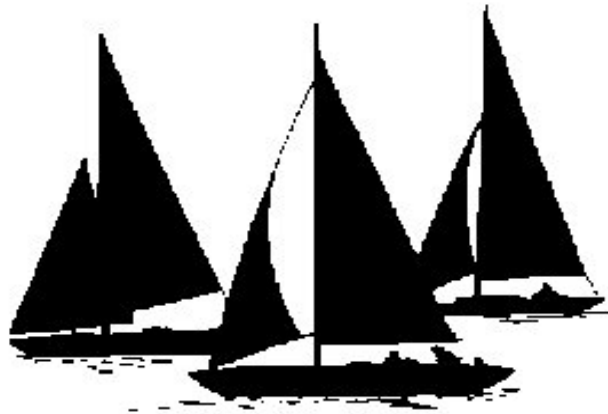
As we embark on another sailing season at WCSC we're enjoying a full pool at Lake Hartwell and the perils that go with that. Record rainfall this winter has sent a lot of floating debris into the water. This reminds me to remind you to keep a keen eye out for unanticipated 'guests' as we head out and onto the race courses.

On March 8 the KB fleet contested the first race of 2020 and it was a distance race as scheduled. The day was beautiful, and the breeze was light but steady (until that last few hundred yards). The A fleet had three boats while the B fleet only had one contestant arrive. The course delivered a perfect 2.5 hour distance race and the usual frustrations of sailing between the islands.

Upcoming, we will race around the buoys on March 21, April 4 and, May 16 and 21. I encourage you to come out and race with us. Whether you're a first time KB racer or a regular I assure you that you'll be welcome and encouraged.

See you on the water!

Marc Bailey
Keelboat Fleet Captain
Melges 24 USA773
wcскеelboat@gmail.com



CENTERBOARD FLEET

The 2020 Sailing Season has begun. With the 2020 Season has brought some changes to the Centerboard Fleet. At the annual fleet meeting we voted on new officers. Rather than have one fleet captain, we split the duties among four co-captains: Eric Seymour, Ronnie Ashmore, Allison Fontenot and Rick Fontenot. Additionally, the scorer will be Rick Fontenot. We reworked the Sailing Instructions, had a discussion, and passed them at the meeting. The new Sailing Instructions are posted on the website or you can get in touch with one of us and we can get you a copy. With the help of the other co-captains we brainstormed some ideas to help promote participation in the Centerboard Fleet, this is why we did the changes that we did. We are now having a cookout after every Saturday race, the first one was very successful and we were able to get new three new members to join us in the racing and festivities.

Another change that we voted on was to change the start time for the first race, from here on out the competitors meeting will be at 10:30am and the first signal will be at 12:00pm. We felt that moving the time up will give more social time after the race.

Some of our racers are providing opportunities to anyone who would like to see what this racing thing is all about on board with an experienced racer. We currently have four seats available; two seats are together on a Flying Scot and two individual seats are available on multihulls. I have also been approached by some from the Keelboat Fleet that would like to come out and play with us but do not have a boat; for those people please get in touch with us, I am sure we can find you a boat.

If you are looking for crew, we are trying to put together a system to help pair people up so nobody has to stay on the dock. Currently, all you have to do is get in touch with one of us by the Friday before race weekend and we will help find you some crew through our crew pool. On the flip side of that, anyone who is looking to crew on a boat get in touch with us and we will try to match you up with a captain that needs crew. It's all about sailing and how much fun we can have together on the water.

Lastly, we are trying to promote good racing in a low stress environment where people can learn the skills to make a boat go faster, read the wind better and learning the rules of the sport to promote an equal opportunity for fair and honest racing all across the racing spectrum. We all share one common thing, we love to sail, so let's make it the best possible experience we can together. Can't wait to see you out on the water.

Eric Seymour
FS4086
Centerboard Fleet Captain

ANOTHER CHILI COOKOFF IN THE RECORD BOOK

By Hugh VantLeven Jr.

This year marked the 22nd chili cook-off at WCSC. And, as in years past, there was stiff competition with 14 chili entrants. There were also a variety of different types this year, from white to dark, mild to spicy, from chicken to vegetarian (Sweet Potato!). There were only 4 dessert entries this year, and they went fast.

And the winners are:

Chili

1. Pete and Debbie Mundie
2. Kurt Rubenstein
3. McCall Ginsberg

Dessert

1. Sue Ellen Jones
2. Bruce Elhert
3. Heidi McKee

The turnout was also very good. We had approximately 80 people to sample the variety of chilies. The club raised \$210 in cash plus 16 cases of canned and dry goods for AIM. Thanks to all who participated in the food drive. AIM was very appreciative of the supplies.

So now we get to look forward to next year's event. Hopefully we will have more dessert entries (entrees?). Again, thanks to all for participating.



Please Note: Due to the novel coronavirus pandemic, all April events at WCSC are postponed until further notice.

Apr	4	1000	Keelboat Fleet Meeting- POSTPONED	Marc Bailey, Fleet Captain
		1100	Spring Fling Waldrops Dinner Cruise- POSTPONED	Tim Crane
		1300	Keelboat Fleet Spring PHRF Race #3- POSTPONED	BUSBEY, Bruce, Frank Mendenhall, Dave Boyer, Ben Gibson, Woody Bowler, Willy Ziminski
		1300	Centerboard Fleet Race #3- POSTPONED	KIEMELE, Steve, Michael Hellstrom, Randy Bannister, Mark McDonald, Curt Rubinstein, Marcela Morales
	14	1900	Board Meeting- POSTPONED	BOS Monthly Meeting Held at Clubhouse
	16	1830	Learn to Sail Class I- POSTPONED	Ron Moede, Clubhouse
	18	0830	Learn to Sail Class I- POSTPONED	Ron Moede, Clubhouse and On the Water
		0900	Dam Distance Race- POSTPONED	Allison & Rick Fontenot, PRO Ted Sauvain, Susan Whitehead, Glenn Killinger, Jeff Kaisner, Terhune Sudderth
	19	1300	Keelboat Fleet Spring PHRF Race #4- POSTPONED	MATHEWS, Spencer, Francisco Acevedo, Marvin Brinn, Jim Snowden, Ernie Dewitt, Win Wright
	23	1830	Learn to Sail Class I- POSTPONED	Ron Moede, Clubhouse
	25	0800	Work day #2- POSTPONED	Rear Commodore Curt Rubinstein
		0830	Learn to Sail Class I- POSTPONED	Ron Moede, Clubhouse and On the Water
		1100	Inspiring New Sailors Cruise & Cookout- POSTPONED	Cruising Fleet
	26	0830	Learn to Sail Class I- POSTPONED	Ron Moede, Clubhouse and On the Water
	25-26	1000	Cinco Hold De Mayo Force 5 Regatta- POSTPONED	WCSC Force 5 Fleet 73, Eric Seymour, Brian Hampton, PRO Rick Fontenot, Lee Moses, Richard Freeman, Richard Kosa, Eric Mitchell, Paul Rock
May	2	1200	DIVA Regatta	Dacia Schrecengost, PRO Brian Hampton, Hugh Vantleven, Dan Tegel, James Stumpf
	7	1830	Learn to Sail Class II	Ron Moede, Clubhouse
	9	0830	Learn to Sail Class II	Ron Moede, Clubhouse and On the Water
		1100	Inspiring Sailors Cruise w/ Cookout	Cruising Fleet
		1300	Centerboard Fleet Race #4	CHESER, Wayne, Gerry Lyons, Scott Smith, Blake Christoffersen, Chris Beckman, Hank Wright
	12	1900	Board Meeting	BOS Monthly Meeting Held at Clubhouse
	14	1830	Learn to Sail Class II	Ron Moede, Clubhouse
	16	0800	Work Day #3	Rear Commodore Curt Rubinstein
		0830	Learn to Sail Class II	Ron Moede, Clubhouse and On the Water
		1300	Keelboat Fleet Spring PHRF Race #5	ASHMORE, Ronnie, Yuri Ivanov, Bill Chasteen, Steve Alley, Samuel Albergotti, Brooke Johnson
		1800	D Dock Party	Keat Pruzsenski, Hosted by D Dock
	17	0830	Learn to Sail Class II	Ron Moede, Clubhouse and On the Water
		1300	Centerboard Fleet Race #5	BARNARD, John, Tim Taylor, Jim Culwell, Alan Hippensteal, Jerry Greene, Mark Nichols
	23	1100	Pre-Memorial Day Party Cruise	Cruising Fleet
		1600	WOW Committee Meeting	Allison Fontenot, Chairperson
		1800	Memorial Day Party	TBD
	29	1830	Friday Night Dinghy Races	Eric Seymour, Centerboard Fleet Captain
	30	1300	Centerboard Fleet Race #6	JACOBSEN, Eric, Robert Reeves, Hans Roemer, Brad Bolt, Larry Stansell, Bradun Dunbar
	31	1300	Keelboat Fleet Spring PHRF Race #6	MIRDS, Chris, Tweetie Bowman, Luke Williams, Jason Gwardiak, Michael Chewning, Ron Moede
Jun	6	1000	Around Andersonville Island	Andrea and Werner Lehmann, PRO Brent Freese, Werner Lehmann
	9	1900	Board Meeting	BOS Monthly Meeting Held at Clubhouse
	12	1830	Friday Night Dinghy Races	Eric Seymour, Centerboard Fleet Captain
	13	0800	Work Day #4	Rear Commodore Curt Rubinstein
		1200	Pirate Day w/ Cookout on Island	Cruising Fleet
	15		Windsong Deadline	Karen Miro
	20	1100	Summer 'Sailstice' Cruise	Cruising Fleet
	26	1830	Friday Night Dinghy Races	Eric Seymour, Centerboard Fleet Captain
	27	1400	Lake Hartwell Fireworks at the Dam	Vice Commodore Lisa Baker

WCSC OFFICERS

COMMODORE	JOHN BARNARD jdbarnard22@gmail.com
VICE COMMODORE	LISA BAKER ltha39@gmail.com
REAR COMMODORE	CURT RUBINSTEIN
TREASURER	TED SAUVAIN tedsauvain@att.net
SECRETARY	JOHN GULYAS wcscsecretary@gmail.com

WCSC STEWARDS

2020	TIMOTHY BUNCH timhbunch@att.net ERIC SEYMOUR eseymour@lockworksllc.net
2021	PAUL JORDAN paul@sgreps.com RON SANGA ronsangasr@gmail.com
2022	BRUCE EHLERT bae_adw@hotmail.com ANTHONY SCARFATO III ajscarfato@gmail.com

Print Services 
IF YOU CAN IMAGINE IT • WE CAN PRODUCE IT

Printing of the Windsong provided at a substantial discount by Clemson Print Services managed by Ricoh. cuprint@clemson.edu or 864-656-0687

RICOH
imagine. change.