

THE WINDSONG

WESTERN CAROLINA SAILING CLUB

Hartwell Lake, Anderson, SC

October 2013



FROM THE COMMODORE

by Paul Harder

Fall Sailing Season

Fall is a great time of year to sail. You still have warm water, but the air temperature is cooling down from the scorching heat of summer. Also, the wind is building from the summer light air and is more consistent. Fall races are starting with both the Keelboat and Portsmouth fleets racing. Get out and race. If you want to find out if you have the right stuff then find those looking for crew. There are always some captains seeking some new mates. You may find racing is not your thing, but you may learn more about sailing. You may find competitive racing is for you. Instead of yelling at the coach on the TV, get off the couch and go sailing.

Hospice is our best regatta of the year and one of the best times to be around the club. Some race, but many others volunteer for race committee, registration, cooking (if you have not had one of Charlie's Hamburgers then you do not know what you are missing) or cleaning up. Some just come out to support Hospice by buying dinner and raffle tickets and watching all the happenings on the back porch. I remember the first Hospice regatta. I was asked to make a large bonfire down on the point. We got about twenty pallets and a couple big bags of shredded paper. I think the Keowee Sailing Club could see our signal fire that night!

It has hit me that this is my last time as Commodore writing in the WindSong. Many past Commodores do not use the club as much the year after being Commodore. I hope you see my car more, but I plan to be out sailing someplace on the lake.

Please ask if you have any questions. Help the 2014 Board of Stewards next year. But most of all, get out there and sail!

School is IN!

By Dennis Baker, Vice Commodore

Where did the summer go? School is back in and there is a bit of a bite in the air, football is in full swing (Clemson #3 and South Carolina #12 as of this writing) and so is the fall Centerboard and Keelboat racing seasons.

As a reminder, our annual Hospice Regatta is just around the corner. The goal this year is \$60,000. We will need all hands on deck to hit that mark so make plans now to pitch in and support the event any way you can. It's a fabulous cause.

Other news to report:

- Construction of the new B dock extension has begun and will be installed this fall. This new addition will allow us to keep the boats on the back side of B dock until we hit approximately 15 feet down. This is a significant improvement. The Board approved \$25,000 for this last year and we will come in under budget.
- The Harbor Committee had a committee meeting and full dock walk through on Sunday Sept 15th. Overall most boats on the dock looked good with the proper dock lines, registration and chaff gear. There were a few laggards who will be getting a letter from the committee. As we come to the winter months and storm season, please make sure your gear is in good order. You don't want to break loose in your slip and be crashing your neighbor's boat. Don't be "that guy"...
- As of this writing the Lake is at 660.29 – We have been at full pool all summer!!
- There are still a number of boats on the causeway. Some were moved for high water some months back. Time to get those boats back to their regular homes. We anticipate a number of incoming travelers for Hospice and it's likely we will need that space. Thanks in advance for your support.
- Diva Regatta and the 3rd Annual Disabled Sailing Day were held the weekend of September 7th. Both events were a success! Diva raised over \$1,000 dollars for Safe Harbor and a solid number of folks participated in the disabled sailing day. Thanks to Dacia Schreengost and Al Hippensteal for bringing these events together.
- Jr. Sailing Championships were held the weekend of July 31. "The Suits" as Joe Martin calls them are withholding the winner for the Annual Banquet. I can report that 12 boats and 15 sailors competed. There is a more detailed write up on the website if you're interested. Special thanks to all the folks that volunteer their time for our junior program.
- Sail camp was again a big success and this year we had wind all 4 days. There were plenty of Sunfish, Lasers and 420's zipping all around the harbor and just outside the breakwater. It's a fun time of year!!

See you on the Water!!



Git 'er Done

By Derek Lord, Rear Commodore

You may notice that things will be changing a bit around the club with the change of the season. We plan to re-gravel the roads to take care of all the ruts and washed-out areas that so much summer rain left us (at least the lake is up!). A new roof is going on the clubhouse to address the perennial leaks. Dead trees are being flagged to be removed, and we will also, pending Corps approval, be expanding the camper village to accommodate a few more camper spots with their own power.

These all sound like expensive projects. They are, but our Board of Stewards, along with our Treasurer, have been thoroughly proactive over the past several years by placing funds in reserve accounts for both occasional storm damage and the planned eventual replacement of the clubhouse roof. Those reserve funds are allowing us to make these relatively large capital expenditures for both projects without resorting to assessing the membership for the cost. The camper village expansion will be handled by funds generated by the camper village fees.

As our annual Hospice Regatta nears, please keep an eye out while you are at the club toward presenting our club in the best possible light to all the out of town guests we expect for this event. We have such a beautiful property, it would be a shame to miss the opportunity to give a good impression to these traveling sailors. This especially applies to boats stored along the causeway and in the parking lots. With over 70 boats expected this year, participants will need every space available for rigging and parking. If you happen to see something around the club that needs attention to look its best, please take a moment to address it or drop me a note so that we can see that it gets dealt with.

Our sixth work day, Saturday October 12, will likely be devoted to tidying up in preparation for Hospice by sweeping the grounds, with first impressions in mind, to address problem areas like the main parking lot, ramps, and the road around the point.

I hope to see you on the water!

NAUTICAL YARD SALE

November 16, 2013
0700 UNTIL 1200

Western Carolina Sailing Club

Spaces are \$5.00 with proceeds going to the youth sailing program.

Anything nautical can be sold.

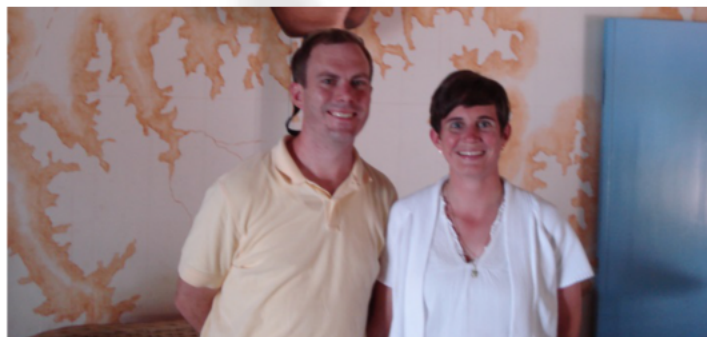
Excellent time to get rid of the extra life jackets (I have a few that I don't need), old sails, anchors or unused bottles of Jack Daniels (subject to inspection and possible quarantine).

Contact Dan Marett for details.
864-314-6045

Welcome to New Members!

by Spencer Mathews

Four new families joined our ranks at an orientation meeting at the club on Sunday, one week after Father's Day. All of them had learned of us through the Memorial Day Open House, so let me thank everyone again who helped make that day a success. Let me first introduce Matthew Burns and his wife, Whitney Joy Hodges. They have three children (two of whom also came to the Open House): Beck, who's 6; Ella, who'll be 5 in August, and Nora, who's not quite yet 3. Matthew works with the South Carolina Governor's School and Whitney, who has a masters degree in divinity and completed her field work at Spartanburg Regional, is managing a Chick-fil-a in Greenville. Matthew sails a Hobie 14, a boat dear to my heart, and completed Ron Moede's adult sailing course several years ago. Nevertheless, he describes himself as having only beginner skills, so you multihull sailors keep an eye out for him and share your skills.



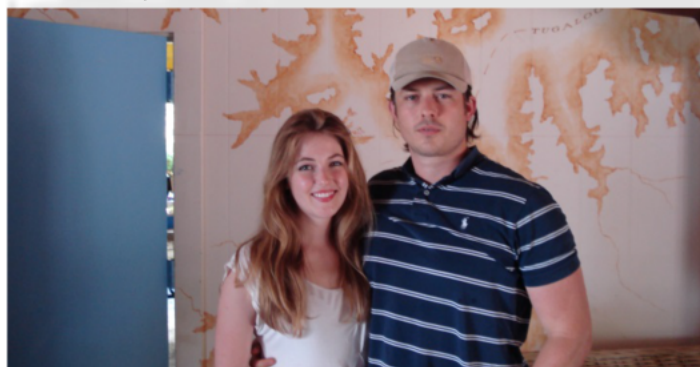
Matthew Burns and Whitney Joy Hodges

Second, meet Sal and Susan Elesh. They are retired from a landscaping business (grounds committee take note) and recently purchased a Holder 14 which they quickly realized is not that simple to sail. It pleases me to report that they sailed with several of our members at the Open House and, late in the day, told me that it had been a long time since they'd had that much fun. They may be in the market for a slightly roomier boat (particularly one that has more vertical clearance under the boom).



Sal and Susan Elesh

Third come Breighanna and Taylor Newnham. They have memories of sailing as children, but have not themselves conned a boat, so they're really interested in learning. With sharp insight, they describe themselves as 'good swimmers', sooooo..... if you're looking for crew, they might be interested. Taylor runs "Everyday Organic" and Breighanna runs "Newnham Acquisitions".



Breighanna and Taylor Newnham

Next comes Dan Tracy and his wife Terrell. Their children are all grown. Dan says that he's sailed cat-rigged dinghies off and on from 1972 until about 2009 and is looking for a place to get back into sailing, upgrade his skills, and introduce his grandchildren to the sport. He sails a 'Wineglass Wherry', homemade. I looked it up on the web and it reminds me of the Drascomb line of boats, lapstrake construction, rowable as well as sailable (have you ever read 'Open Boat, Across the Pacific'?). The photos of the boats on the web were of exquisitely finished wooden boats. I look forward to seeing Dan's. He tells me that he has another boat under construction and plans to launch her next year. The day of the orientation was the day after our moonlight sail (ten boats showed up – thanks to Bob Knapp's organization). Dan called to my attention that there's a website called 'Summer Sailstice' where activities such as that one are advertised. Take a look at the site. I'll bet you find it interesting.



Dan Tracy

Two new families joined our ranks at an orientation meeting at the club on July 6, the day D-Dock hosted the Fourth of July party – which was a most enjoyable event. There were hot dogs, chili, apple pie a la mode (to name just a few things), -- aaaaaannnd fireworks.

But, back to the privilege at hand...First let me introduce Kathy and Gary Coleman of Toccoa, GA. They are shifting from pontoon boating to sailing. They found out about us one day when they motored into the harbor and talked with several of our members who they describe as having been very genial. The Colemans don't have a boat yet – they're looking – but both passed the Keelboat 101 course several years back, having been checked out on 30 footers down in Charleston. Never having owned a sailboat, they modestly describe themselves as novices. Gary is retired. Kathy works with the Stephens county eye clinic.



Kathy and Gary Coleman

The second family actually isn't new – some of us may remember them. They are Joe and Barbara Kovaz and are prior members rejoining. Joe was a physician practicing in Anderson when they were members previously. They resigned because of a move to Wisconsin; but now they are back. Joe is involved in hospice care up in Flat Rock, NC. Barbara is a psychologist (thank Heaven – at least now there'll be two of us). They sail a Precision 15 now, but have owned three previous boats. The three Kovaz children are all grown. It's always gratifying when people who already have experience with the club (prior members or children of members) decide to throw in their lot with us, but it's worth quoting what Joe said on his application in response to the question "Why do you

Welcome to New Members!

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wish to become a member of WCSC?" He said "To become a member of an excellent organization and have the use of an excellent facility." We must be getting something right.



Joe Kovaz

WCSC also welcomes two new members: Harriett and Louis (Buddy) Kellett, and Sharon Balsam and Byron Hicks. The orientation for the Kelletts was conducted on August 11 and for Byron Hicks, on August 13. WCSC is getting a lot of expertise as we add these new folks.

The Kelletts characterize themselves as cruising sailors with a little racing experience. They've bare boated on a 38-foot catamaran for two weeks in the BVLs, and look forward to enjoying the lake with their children, Chris and Denise (both of whom are grown) and grandchildren in the company of other sailors. They are the new owners of the Catalina 27 previously sailed by Ben Barden who (I am sad to have to report) has resigned because he is moving away. Buddy is a retired contractor with lots of building experience. Harriett is a device tester and quality control officer for Kemet, Inc., a company that makes solid state electronic components.



Harriett and Buddy Kellett

Byron has visited WCSC on several occasions, competing in our Hospice regatta, and in the Force 5 nationals that we sponsored a couple of years back. Some of us will recognize him from those visits. He's retired and is an experienced cruiser and racer, sailing a Force 5 (#1172, MONKEYBUTT) a Buccaneer 18 (#5233, BLACK & TAN), and a Nonsuch 30 (#3, BOBCAT) which is probably going to stay up on the Chesapeake until next spring. He has been a member of several sailing and yacht clubs. He holds a Near Coastal captain's license and is an ASA certified instructor. He has been a member of several sailing and yacht clubs, even serving as Commodore of the Hunterdon Sailing Club. He also has lots of PRO experience running races. Sharon sails with him. They met when she was a student in one of his sailing classes. He noticed that she had a knack for sailing and describes her as having worked diligently to add technical competence to that knack. Having visited us before, he has met several members and became convinced that he'd like to call WCSC his home club.



Byron Hicks

The lake is still about two feet above full pond – remember this to tell your grandchildren.



Spillway on July 10th

Photo by Suellen



Deer

Photo by Spencer

I've added an extra photo. It's of a deer looking across the road to the boat on trailer storage area on the mainland side of the club. I saw her saunter across the road and just let my car roll to a slow stop and took the photo with a cell phone. Ain't WCSC a grand place?

Make sure these new folks know we're glad to have them with us. See you on the water.

Junk on the Boat

By Dan Marett

By now everyone knows that my boat "Dreamweaver" sank in the slip on Monday night August 26. The reason for this sinking is the next story.

You can well believe that I was in shock after this event. The boat was raised and had to be dried out. I could not motivate myself to do what had to be done, clean out the boat. Due to good friends this task was completed and all of the things in the boat were delivered to me at my garage in six large plastic containers.

I had no idea that I had so much unnecessary items on the boat. I had life jackets for 36 people on the boat (probably helped keep it from totally sinking). A full set of nautical dishes including cups, cookwear, coffee maker and can goods. In reality you usually know when you plan to cook on the boat and can outfit the boat then. I have never experienced an outbreak of spontaneous cooking. That means the propane grill that has been riding in the v-berth unused for over three years can probably stay home too.

Another nightmare was the important documents stored onboard. Engine manuals, service records, tech manuals all received serious damage from the water. These should stay in a file cabinet for future use and not on the boat. Your legal documents that are required to be on board should be in some sort of water proof container; regular zip locks won't keep the water out.

Look at your boat. Open up all of the cubby holes and see what is hiding there. You will find that your boat goes faster if it weighs less.

Never Dip Your Boat to Clean It

By Dan Marett

August 26 was a rough day for me. I had worked on my boat "Dreamweaver" the afternoon before. I was working in the head and in the process I bumped the fresh water intake hose going to the toilet. The fitting was loose unknown to me. The seacock (valve that allows lake water to flow into the boat and into the head) was open. During the night the line popped loose and the water started to flow. Automatic bilge pump worked until the batteries ran down.

Let me state now that **all seacocks should be closed when you leave the boat.** It was not convenient to close this seacock because I store about 12 life jackets in that space and on top of the hatch.

We tell newcomers to our beautiful large boat to "relax, it won't turn over" and that is true but it darn well will sink! My boat was backed into the slip. This one act kept her from going completely under. The bow rested on the cross brace and the stern lines kept the rear from going completely down. Bottom line is it should not have happened. The only "if" is the seacock.

I recommend you go onboard your lovely boat and find all of the seacocks. I have one on the engine water intake, one for fresh water for the head and one for the ice box drain. The three will be closed every time I leave the boat in the future.

Oh yeah, good insurance helps. Mine is Progressive and the boat will be good as new when all is done.

Check the seacocks when you leave the boat!!!

The Juniors Corner

By Joe Martin



In this, the fiftieth year of WCSC, the 2013 Junior Sailing Champion is _____. Psych! We are going to make you wait until the Annual Banquet. The Overall Junior Champion is scored based on Portsmouth Handicap from the races sailed on Junior Champs Saturday. This allows anyone racing that day to compete for Junior Champ.

On Saturday August 31, twelve boats and fifteen sailors competed for Junior Champion in Lasers, Laser Radials, 420s and Sunfish. We will tell you who won the individual Fleets....

In the Sunfish, John Whitehead takes first place in a pretty thin fleet. Still counts in the overall though.

In 420s, Mitchell Brannon and his friend Brady couldn't quite overcome a gear issue in race one and finished third. It didn't help that Mallory Brannon and Reed Kafsky were applying a beat down to Mallory's little brother. Mallory and Reed improved in each race and the scores bear that out with a second place. Erin and Kristen Schultz, what a team. These two are talented and must have learned from their big brother. Congrats on the first place.

Lasers were the big fleet. Anna Price sailing a Laser Radial finished in the mix but was a little underpowered. Will be interesting to see the Portsmouth scoring. At the end of the day, four points separated places four through seven. From seventh down, Anna Price, Erin Kaisner, Hannah Bannister, and Ben Killinger. After race four and heading into the last race of the day place one through three had eight, nine and ten points. Each boat had at least one win. Nathan Schultz managed to beat Sarah Martin to tie the score for second place. Sarah lost the tie breaker based on most second places to finish third. Nathan, will you please stop talking, Schultz takes the second spot. Drew, College Boy, Kaisner claims a three-peat to win his third Laser Junior Championship. Now we need to do the math to see if he can three-peat the Overall Junior Championships.

It was a good day for racing. Many thanks to the parents and volunteers that assisted in this weekend and the Junior program in general.



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Cahoots is a consistent top finisher in the WCSC Keelboat Fleet. She is in excellent shape with great sails and many extras/upgrades. Dry-sailed since the mid 1990s. Reliable 5 HP Mercury outboard. Galvanized tandem axle trailer with new tires in 2012.

This boat is ready to race or day-sail with nothing to fix or purchase. \$11,500. Contact Steve Kiemele at 706 376-6404 or skiemele@hartcom.net



2013 Hospice Regatta October 18-20



By the time you read this, preparations have been well underway for the 2013 Hospice Regatta. The team has been working hard to make all the plans to host another great Regatta and to meet our goal of \$60,000 for the Hospice of the Upstate.

If you are planning on sailing and have not registered yet, please do so to make sure we have enough food, drink and other great stuff available for you and your crew. Beat the deadline as the fees go up after October 11th. You can register online at www.wcsc-sailing.org. You can also make donations, purchase additional meal tickets, purchase cool Regatta clothing....all online. Everything you need is on the web site including the NOR, Sponsorship package, who's coming list along with other information.

If you don't want to race but want to join in the fun and help sponsor the event, we are hosting a non racing sailing event on Saturday. This will give you the opportunity to invite your family, friends and neighbors out for a great sail while supporting the Hospice event. Bob Knapp is helping us this year and will come up with something cool and non-competitive. You will get a chance to sail, show your friends a good time/party and help support our event.

We will again be holding the Sailing for Others special sponsorship challenge to help raise additional funds. If you are planning on being a skipper, start lining up family and friends to help you in this special challenge. Remember, it can all be done online. The top 'Sailing for Others' skippers will be recognized on Sunday during the awards ceremony. This program has really grown and is now accounting for almost 20% of the donations. Contact your friends and family to help support the event or pick your favorite skipper and donate in their name.

We need Volunteers

As always, hosting an event like this we always have a need for volunteers to help in a number of areas (race committee, registration, food, clean up, etc.) and if you would like to help please contact John Kreidler (jakreidler@mindspring.com) or Ronnie Ashmore (sailtanzer@aol.com)

With your help, we look forward to putting on another great Regatta while reaching our goal of \$60,000 for the Hospice. Let's make it happen together.

Ronnie and John

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October	01	1900	Board Meeting	
	04	1800	Commodore Meet & Greet	
	05	0830	Furman Learn to Sail	
		1300	Centerboard Fleet Race #10	W.DEHART, H.Morse, J. Bazemore III, J. Kaisner, W. Travitz, R.Klassen
	12	0800	Work Day #6	
		1300	Keelboat Fleet Race #4	D.FISHER, R.Linville, H.Roemer, H.Hamilton, M.Phelan, J.Gwardiak
	13	1300	Centerboard Fleet Race #11	D.FOLAND, J.Waits, K.Lagroom, B.Price, C.Smutzer, C.Peterson
November	18-20		Hospice Regatta	H.SMITH, R.Rainey, C.Poole, J.Coley, AG.Caldwell, D.Waddell, H.Vantleven, A.Hutson, M.Zollinger, C.Lenfestey, B.Barden, D.Robb, E.Lashley, R.Fontenot, S.Zoerhof, B.Irwin, L.Lewis, J.Tucker, C.Lazer, J.Loue, K.Tetzlaff, A.Gates
	01	1900	Commodore Meet & Greet	
	02-03		Bloody Mary Thistle Regatta	T.CRAFT, M.Horton, L.Morton, B.Freeman, P.Jordan, P.Niebauer, C.Simon, C.Clemow, J.Tiddy, R.Friis
	05	1900	Board Meeting	
	09	1200	Centerboard Fleet Race #12	P.HARDER, P.Hughes, K.Pruszenski, J.Osborne, J.Kerscher, M. Lipham
	10	1200	Keelboat Fleet Race #5	B.HAMPTON, T.Haynie, S.Albergotti, B.Ehlert, V.Portunato, J.Wohlwend
	16	1200	Keelboat Fleet Race #6	P.HOPP, E.Taylor, R.Davis-Fandetti, J.Wise, D.Johnson, C.Niemeyer
	17	1200	Centerboard Fleet Race #13	S.GRIFFIN, D.Elliott, G.Killinger, T.Sudderth, M.Pepe, C.Guerin
	23	1800	Annual Meeting/Thanksgiving Party	
December	03	1900	Board Meeting	
	10		Windsong Deadline	
	13	1800	Commodore Meet & Greet	
	14	1800	Christmas Party	
	31	1800	New Year's Eve Party	