WESTERN CAROLINA SAILING CLUB

Hartwell Lake, Anderson, SC

April, 2014



FROM THE COMMODORE

Greetings from the "Suits" (as Joe Martin would say). We are coming into the spring season and hopefully everyone is getting out and enjoying our club.

Commissioning Day is in the books, officially kicking off the sailing season. I want to thank Lisa Craft for all of her hard work and planning to make this another flawless event. For those that were unable to attend, the day included two United States Marines raising the US flag, a new cannon operations manager in Captain Keat Pruszenski, a fabulous rendition of our National Anthem by Tweetie, many of our past Commodores in attendance and a new member inducted into the sub-mariner club, Dan Marett. We were blessed with great weather and I was personally honored to have my mother travel down from New York to attend the event. Thanks Mom!!!

I am happy to report that the club remains on solid financial footing. All of our reserve accounts are fully funded for 2014 and we have budgeted some additional money to tackle some improvement projects in line with our 10 year planning committee vision. Projects include:

- Re-decking of the back deck and side deck on the main clubhouse (front deck planned for 2015, budget allowing).
- Adding an extension to the current leach field in front of the main deck to alleviate issues during high use weekends.
- Camper village expansion approved through the Corps and well underway (self funding).

It is the board's hope that we are offering events and activities that all of our members can enjoy. Upcoming events that might float your boat include:

- Centerboard and Keel Boat Fleet Racing (See Club Calendar for schedule)
- Cruising event Explore the Tugaloo (April 12-13, Bob Knapp is your contact)
- Cruising event Good Dam Distance Race (April 19, Rick Fontenot is your contact)
- Club Championships April 26-27. Come see your fleet winners battle it out!
- Cinco de Mayo Party (May 3, hosted by B Dock)
- Open House May 24, mark your calendars and invite folks to attend

An area of concern continues to be membership levels. Membership is currently at 219 which is down 5 members from December. Our goal laid out by the 10 year planning committee is 250 members by 2014. The membership committee is hard at work developing and implementing new plans but we all need to be ambassadors for our club. The board is cognizant of the membership levels and is adjusting spending accordingly but at some point, depressed membership levels will become an issue financially. Help us get the word out and brag on your club.

Respectfully,

Dennis Baker

From the Vice Commodore

The lake is up and I've had to move the main launch dock several times. The Harbor Committee met to assess the status of the harbor and improvements are planned.

Enough with the boring Vice Commodorianshipness. (Yes, that is a word. No, I did not just come up with it. Ha.) I want to talk about Saturday 3/8/2014. You know, that amazingly beautiful day where the wind was blowing 0-16 mph, the high was 69 degrees, and if you were not outside you failed in the happiness category - yeah, that day.

It was a great day for the Centerboard Fleet to start the race season. Anna Kay and I were thrilled to be sailing/ racing again, and against 16 other boats! That's right, there were 17 boats on the start line! Ranging from single-hand boats to three-hand boats. The fleet has grown with competitors of all stages, and all are striving for what is most important, the joy of sailing.

The favorite race of the day for Team Anna Kay was the third race. For those of you who do not know, Anna Kay sings on our boat - sometimes quietly but most of the time she forgets she is not in the confinement of her car and is belting it out at the top of her lungs. Usually, no one is ever around to hear it, because we are generally in the back. Well, by the third race the wind picked up which led to Anna Kay hiking while singing a familiar tune, "Fat Bottomed Girls" by Queen. She thought it was very appropriate for the circumstances.

After racing, the fleet didn't just disperse, there were many stories and accounts of the day to be told around the parking lot and Tiki Deck. Probably the the best thing about the fleet is that after racing everyone can relax and kick back with one another.

Back to boring Vice Commodorianshipness - during Harbor Committee's inspection, several boats turned out to be incorrectly/unsafely moored. Next time time you are at the club, please check your boat for it's safety as well as the safety of everyone else.

By the way, have you heard about the fantastic regatta that our club hosts in October, the Hospice Regatta? It is a great weekend full of fun, sailing, eating delicious food, a terrible auctioneer, outstanding parties, socializing with great people from all over, and best of all - ALL proceeds go to Hospice of the Upstate. Mark your calendars for October 17-19 2014. Also, if you have any great auction items or leads for some, please contact Anna Kay Lord at annakay880@yahoo.com.

Derek Lord Vice Commodore (article written with a little help from Anna Kay)

From the Rear Commodore

Wow! So much work has been completed at the clubhouse and on club grounds since the beginning of the year. Much progress has been made with the volunteer effort of members.

During January, down on the point, Brent Benson dropped six large trees. Over a period of a month members answered my call for help and participated in the subsequent cutting, splitting and disposal of the remains. Much thanks to Bob Klassen for his support with the log splitter and tractor. Bob brought his splitter twice during February and the big Ford tractor with the bucket and rake during the first workday. Sal Elesh showed up with a huge Stihl chainsaw which made possible cutting through some of the large stumps.

We had an incredible turnout during the first workday. To all of those that participated thank-you so much! I have turned in all fair share hours to Roni Bromley.

All remaining tree work was completed. This included much activity stacking wood, burning brush and still some cutting. Notice the next time you are at the club the amount of firewood that is stacked.

Keith Schrecengost championed the cleaning of the bone yard. Keat Pruszenski used the club tractor to bush hog the north side freeing all trailers from over grown brush. Debris was hauled up out of the woods for proper disposal. This included much scrap steel (old trailers and structures). Items such as an engine block, cylinder head and bush-hog that we did not know we had were discovered. Much thanks to Ilya Slobodyanskiy for his perseverance helping dig out and free items that could then be removed with the tractor.

Next work day we will continue clean-up in the bone yard completing work on the southwest side.

At the clubhouse finally, due to the effort of Hugh Vantleven, the roof replacement is complete. Hugh is at present looking into replacement of the clubhouse drain field which involves much leg work chasing approval from the Army Corps and DHEC let alone the potential contractors. Next time you see Hugh tell him thanks!

Curt Rubinstein has been pursuing estimates for the clubhouse deck replacement. The replacement is to be completed in two phases starting with the rear of the clubhouse where it is in the worst shape. Stay tuned for a solicitation of help come demolition time.

The clubhouse ice maker was repaired during the past couple months. The inlet valve was replaced (it froze) and a pipe arrestor was added to the supply line to eliminate the water hammer that was causing a leak underneath the sink in the kitchen. Note: If a leak is noticed on the ice

From the Rear Commodore (cont.)

maker the cutoff valve is located under that stainless commercial sink. The ice maker while down was also thoroughly cleaned.

HELP WANTED: The House Committee is open and needs to be staffed. This is a good opportunity for fair share hours on your own schedule. Volunteer(s) are needed for simple but important tasks such as insuring that the clubhouse is clean and in order. There is a need to clean out the meeting room which is presently filled with items that need to be retained but also flotsam and jetsam. Club members have expressed a desire to reuse this room. Let me know if you are interested.

Happy Sailing! Nice weather is finally arriving.

Paul ROCK Rear Commodore

Welcome to New Members

by Spencer Mathews

I have the pleasure of introducing two new members who joined our happy band at an orientation meeting on March 9. They are Joey and Karen Cardona and Sven-Stefan Neilsen and Patricia Buch and Katharina Buch. Their photos are below. As you can see, with Katharina's smile, I needed no flash.



Joey and Karen



Sven-Stefan, Patricia and Katharina

Both families were able to visit the club on Commissioning Day and stay with us for dinner afterwards, so they've seen us at our stuffiest and at our most relaxed. I guess we're safe.

The Cardonas have a Seidelmann 25, Déjà Vu, (sail #1855-DA) which they'll be moving to the club shortly. They have completed several of the ASA courses in keelboats in the school down in Charleston. They were introduced to the club by Alan Curtiss who is one of their sponsors. Joey is a realtor. Karen works with D&D Ford of Greer.

The Neilsens recently purchased *Sparrow*, a Catalina 22, from Gonzalo Rojas (who it saddens me to report, has moved back to Germany). They were led to consider joining WCSC by Ron Moede who is a sponsor. Sven-Stefan has been sailing for 20 years. He works with Bosch as a Quality Director. Patricia has her hands full with Katharina. They have recently arrived from Germany. Katharina is not yet fluent in English and so is a little shy at first; but with a smile like that, she'll be everyone's friend in no time.

Keep an eye out for the Cadonas and the Neilsens and make sure they know we're happy to have them with us. See you on the water.



2014 Club Championship Regatta

by Brian Hampton Club Championship Regatta Chairman

The 2014 WCSC Club Championship Regatta will be held on April 26 and 27 this year. We are thankful to be sailing Buccaneers on loan to us from our club members. Sailing Saturday in the Challenger Fleet are Steve Kiemele, Ronnie Ashmore and Dennis Baker so far. As of our publishing deadline, we are still working on other invitations of the Challenger Fleet. The winner on Saturday will advance to Sunday and participate in the Championship Fleet against Marc Bailey and John Kriedler (defending club champion). This should be an exciting event to spectate. Racing starts at 1000 both days. Come on down to the Club and enjoy some of the best racing to be seen at our Club. Last year both days provided amazing spectating. This year we hope for a little less rain!

Cruising Fleet News

by Bob Knapp

We have scheduled four great Cruising events for the next quarter. These are designed to be fun family events with the goal of getting boats off the docks and onto the lake where we can get to know our fellow sailors and have a good time doing it.

April 12 - 13 Explore the Tugaloo

Most of us don't take a right at the end of Andersonville Island and so miss what is available up the Tugaloo. We will sail as far up the Tugaloo branch of Hartwell as possible then power to the I85 bridge. We will then raft up in one of the well protected coves in this area. You should bring food and beverage for your boat (dinner and breakfast). While rafted up we normally get to know each other better and as sailors, tell lies. Depending on the wind on the I3th we can either sail back to WCSC or sail to the dam and then to WCSC.

June 7 Sail in Movie

The Sail in Movie is like the old drive in movie but in boats. This has been a very popular social activity at WCSC. We set up a screen on the work barge and the sound is transmitted over an FM radio band you can set on your radio in your boat. A line is strung that you tie your stern to for viewing the movie. Many members cook out and float around in the water before the movie starts at dark. If you can help set up the anchor line and barge earlier in the day please contact me. We select family friendly movies.

June 14 Full Moon Sail

There is nothing more peaceful than sailing on Lake Hartwell during a full moon. If you have not sailed at night there is no better time to try. Some boats sail under the moonlight and return to WCSC where others prefer to spend the night together at anchor in one of the well protected coves (determined by wind direction). It is a beautiful sight seeing multiple sailboats sailing under the moonlight.

June 28-29

There is a fantastic fireworks display held by the dam on the Saturday before the 4th of July. We will sail down to the dam and anchor before sunset to view the fireworks. There is a good cove we go to after the fireworks to anchor and spend the night. After breakfast on Sunday we head back to WCSC. This is a fantastic family event.

Email me at bobknapp@charter.net if you want to participate in these kinds of events. I would like to establish an email list to send out for these cruising events and others we may come up with throughout the year. Your participation in any or all upcoming cruises is welcome.

Cruising with ALLEZ!

by Bob Kovach, Past Commodore

If you have ever dreamed of going cruising on your boat and maybe have been reluctant to try, here is how you get started. Remember, all boating is fun on any type of boat. You can use the boat you have, with some planning. And if it is a trailer-able boat, piece of cake. We have read there are estimated 14,000 boats transiting the AICW each year, so you will not be alone.

Living onboard is not necessarily using it and we did not put a lot of hours on the engines living in Charleston. The shakedown cruise showed us what worked and what needed attention. We stopped in Kilmarnock, VA. and had a friend install our Magnum 2812 (2800 watt inverter). We stopped in Galesville MD. and installed the anchor wash down pump to get the Chesapeake mud off the anchor and chain. Boy don't leave home without one of those. Our pump uses salt water for the wash-down.

We cruised all the garden spots of the Chesapeake Bay both eastern and western shores - St Michaels, Cambridge, Oxford, Annapolis and several gunk holes. We went up the Potomac River, 150 miles each way, and spent 3 weeks in Wash, DC. At some time we have to go

back for another month at least to see the rest. Most of Washington DC is FREE. Gang Plank Marina was convenient to the bus line and subway. Advanced reservations required.

We travel from Monday – Thursday and pick a destination we want to visit over the weekend. We let the locals go crazy on the waterway with their PWCs and small power boats.



We have learned how to best deal with the bridges on the ICW. With our air draft most of them have to open and we have all the bridges loaded in the chart plotter. There is a

stretch in Florida where there are 22 bridges to clear in a day. Highrise condos are called "Sky Living" but often they create a wind tunnel that can make waiting for bridge openings a challenge. We have worked our way up and down the ICW several times. Each time we stop at different places to explore. We have gone up and down the St. John's River, anchored at Cumberland Island, explored rivers off the ICW and visited more forts than we knew existed.

We have only scratched the surface with our cruising, there is so much more to see. We have become amateur radio (Ham) operators and use our single side band radio (SSB) to talk to people all over the world

There are a lot of sailors out there. We have traveled and buddy boated for days and weeks with some. We anchor out together and see them along the way from time to time. Interestingly you always hear the talk about "Blow Boaters" (sailors) and "Stink Potters" (power boaters) but we have learned when you're out there together in anchorages, off shore and in marinas, enjoying Happy Hour, we are all just boaters enjoying the life style and looking out for each other.

What kind of boat you have makes no difference. We help each other with mechanical issues, navigation questions, host each other on each other's boats for drinks etc. We swap our boat cards and have made many friends along the entire east coast. These folks are from all parts of the U.S.A and foreign countries. Plus we stay in touch via SSB radio, swap weather conditions and sea conditions. The boating fraternity is close knit.

Think about some cruising beyond Hartwell Lake. There is so much to see out there and time can possibly get short on you one day. Visit the WCSC Website and see the misc. photos of cruising with ALLEZ! You're invited to visit our blog: www.myallez.blogspot.com. Fair winds, sail fast and sail smart.



We spent July 4th in Baltimore at the inner Harbor. Front Row seats for the fireworks show!

The Good Dam Distance Race

by Allison and Rick Fontenot

Welcome to the 'new and improved' Dam Distance Race. Traditionally, this race has brought the very casual racers and the non racers together for a semi- structured sailing experience, not so loose as individual day sailing, but not so formal as Keelboat Fleet racing. The 2014 edition is an attempt to tweak the distance race concept by leaning a little more towards the 'race' side, (on the water), and including the all-important post race party (on shore). We want to provide the fun of *friendly* competition without the anxieties of the cut-throat sailing often associated with formal racing. *And* we are going to provide a written guide that will explain to you how to understand, participate, and hopefully enjoy, this 'low key' race: The Good Dam Distance Race.

You should notice two distinctions in the event title. First: This is a *distance* event. We plan to have boats out on the lake most of the day. The event starts earlier than most and may continue as late as (on the water) 1730. Second: This is a *race*. The boats will have to correctly start, pass certain government buoys on a specified side of the boat, pass those buoys in a particular order, and finish correctly. Boats will be ranked 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and so on. There will be winners and, well...not winners.

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

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

We are making a point of having a post-race gathering for this event. A day of racing is fun, but not near as fun as a day of racing followed by the camaraderie of the racers having drinks and dinner. To that end, the Club is providing a modest buffet dinner and you are providing your own beverages (booze). Not-so-valuable prizes will be awarded to the top finishers.

See the Club website for more documents that further describe the event. We hope to see you there and we welcome questions, comments, or conversation. Email us at cowardlylion@charter.net or call 334-332-2025.



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The Centerboard Fleet wants YOU

<u>Do you want to learn to race?</u> We have the fleet for you, the WCSC Centerboard fleet. We have upwards of 15 members that are kicking off the 2014 season and always welcome new members.

<u>Don't know how to sail?</u> No problem, best way to learn to sail is to race. We have many CB fleet members that will be happy to get you up to speed quickly.

<u>Need a boat?</u> We have one. Lightnings, Flying Scots, Buccs, Force Fives, 420's, Highlanders and others are available to take a look at and even sail.

<u>Need a mentor to help you figure it out?</u> We have one. We have many racing members in the fleet that are available to mentor anyone to help get them quickly up to speed. Just ask and we will match you up with another member to help introduce to a great lifelong sport.

<u>Intimidated by this racing thing?</u> No problems, we have lots of members that are available to help you get past the intimidation factor. Yes, it can be intimidating and tough to learn. But once you taste spray of water on your face, experience the competition and feel your confidence grow on the water, you will be hooked for life. We are!

<u>Do you like to talk trash, I mean share a brewsky, after racing with your fleet friends?</u> We have you covered on this one as well. After every race you can find most, if not the entire fleet enjoying the days racing discussion in the main parking lot or at the Tiki deck.

The Centerboard Fleet is actively looking for new members that want to learn how to race and sail. We have an active, growing and energized group of sailors that love to race and enjoy the post race party.

If this fits your sailing style, contact 2014 Fleet Captain Erik Paschke (erikj267@gmail.com) or John Kreidler (jakreidler@mindspring.com) for an introduction to the fleet and the next step to get you on the water.



The Juniors Corner

by Joe Martin



Responding to the outcry of those missing the word of the quarter...the word this quarter is Corner. Just what does Corner mean? For some answers let us look to Mr. Webster:

Corner (kor-ner): The point or area where two lines, edges, or sides of something meet

: The place where two streets or roads meet

: A curve in a road

: A private, secret, or remote place

: A point at which significant change occurs —often used in the phrase turn the corner

Well, I suppose that helps - a little. Some examples of the word corner in a sentence might be helpful:

He caught the ball in the corner of the end zone.

The Price girls play a lot of soccer and have probably made a corner kick.

Hey, is that Justin Bieber in the back corner booth? Who let him in here?

For sailors, usually you tack before you get off in corners-ville.

Now that the snow is gone maybe we have turned the corner for spring. Sailing season is here, Yeeee-hah!

And finally, the Juniors Corner is similar to a bunch of teenagers hanging out on the corner looking for trouble.

Here is where you get the info you actually need:

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Are you ready to race your Laser, Force Five or a 420 in the Centerboard Fleet? We are going to race with the centerboard fleet occasionally this year. There are a few Lasers potentially available for borrowing but we will need to know well in advance. If you are planning to attend, need to find a boat or need more information, contact me - joemartin I 559@gmail.com. Registration and medical forms need to be completed prior to April 6 so please contact Johanna Curtiss by email or phone to get the forms sent to you via email. Hannacurtiss2@gmail.com or you can call her at (864) 320-3089.

For Advanced Clinic days, the races start at 1300. We will start our clinic at 1030. Ideally you will have your boat rigged and ready to roll prior to the clinic. Once the clinic is over, grab some lunch (please bring your own lunch and water bottle at least this first day), and be ready to leave the dock around 1200 depending on conditions.

Dates: April 6, April 12, May 10, May 24, May 31, June 14

2014 JUNIOR SAIL CAMP

Summer Junior Camp – Online registration will be available on or about May 1, 2014. We are making a few minor modifications to last year but nothing drastic. Watch the WCSC Website as well as the weekly news blast for updated information.

As always, ideas and suggestions are welcomed and appreciated.



AROUND ANDERSONVILLE ISLAND

Some of you, probably most of you, have sailed past Andersonville Island and maybe even ducked into one of the secluded coves for anchorage. However, you may not have attempted to sail around it. There are many good reasons to stay away from the dark side of the island. Our current Commodore will tell you that there are shallow spots that lure you to them so the island can capture you. The winds are different on the dark side. Sometimes navigation is a challenge.

That being said, Around Andersonville Island is a great adventure. I prefer to start around the right side of the island (the dark side) and maneuver all the way up to the end of the island and then cut through the narrows between the two islands. Sometimes the wind allows you to make a small amount of tacks going up and then when you round the end the wind is usually at your back. This is an excellent time to fly the spinnaker.

Andersonville is picturesque and there are a lot of birds in the area so you will not get bored. According to boat speed and wind the trip usually lasts from two to three hours (longer if you run aground). Keeping an eye on the depth gauge, the lay of the land and shoal markers is very important to prevent an unscheduled stop.

I highly recommend this voyage.

Capn Dan

"Dreamweaver"

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April	01	1900	Board Meeting	
•	05	1300	Keelboat Fleet Spring Race #4	S.MATHEWS, F.Acevedo, G.Bauserman, T.Belfield, M.Brinn, J.Snowden, B.Hicks
	06	1300	Centerboard Fleet Race #4	S.KIEMELE, D.Harder, B.Mirando, B.Quartrone, M.Miller, G.Lyons, S.Smith
	12-13	1200	Explore the Tugaloo	Bob Knapp
	19	1000	Dam Distance Race	Allyson and Rick Fontenot
	20		Easter Sunday	
	26	0800	Work Day #2	Rear Commodore Paul Rock
	26-27	1000	Club Championship	B.LACHER, C.Wilkes, T.Jacob, M.Rayneri, S.Ragan, J.Young, D.Kafsky, B.Campbell, C. Poole
May	03	1300	Keelboat Fleet Spring Race #5	R.ASHMORE, Y.Ivanov, B.Chasteen, S.Alley, J.Sivori, M.Lussigny
-		1800	Cinco de Mayo Party	Hosted by B Dock
	06	1900	Board Meeting	
	10	1300	Centerboard Fleet Race #5	M.HARRISON, C.Hunter, J.Culwell, A.Hippensteal, J.Greene, M.Nichols, T.Leavitt
	11		Mother's Day	
	17	1100	Keelboat Fun Day	Practice races, swap boats and good food
	24	1000	Open House	Hosted by Membership Committee
		1800	Memorial Day Party	Hosted by E Dock
	31	1300	Centerboard Fleet Race #6	K.CHISWELL, R.Linville, H.Roemer, H.Hamilton, M.Phelan, J.Gwardiak, B.Newnham
June	03	1900	Board Meeting	
	07	0800	Work Day #2	Rear Commodore Paul Rock
		1300	Keelboat Fleet Spring Race #6	A.CURTISS, K.Erickson, B.Lee, L.Williams, B.Bolt, M.Chewning
		1800	Sail In Movie	Bob Knapp
	10		Windsong Deadline	
	14	1300	Centerboard Fleet Race #7	J.STUART, P.Nechodom, J.Jordan, M.Boyles, L.Nagimova, D.Bowling, E.Seymour
		2000	Full Moon Sail	Bob Knapp
	15		Father's Day	
	21	1000	Around Andersonville Island	Paul Harder
	28-29	1700	Pre 4th July Fireworks Sail	Bob Knapp