

THE WINDSONG

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WESTERN CAROLINA SAILING CLUB

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FROM THE COMMODORE

Happy New Year!

We have a great year awaiting us at WCSC and I am looking forward to serving you as the club Commodore. I truly believe WCSC to be a treasure of the Upstate of South Carolina, not only because of our beautiful location on Lake Hartwell, but the members who participate in the club and make it a special place with so many family friendly activities. The club successfully functions as it does through members volunteering their time; whether it is blowing leaves out of a parking area, changing the oil in a tractor, cooking for the membership or sending out emails regarding weekly activities. There are so many members that complete silent/hidden tasks to make the club function. To those of you I extend an honest appreciation and thank you! It is with this spirit during the past year so many great activities were possible. Throughout this year I expect this to continue, evolve and hopefully grow with even greater participation.

As an example, this past year Tim Crane took the initiative to establish a Cruising Fleet and organized the first ever Lighted Sailboat Christmas Parade, which enjoyed great coverage by the media thus promoting our club. I participated in this event and was honestly taken aback by the number of people waiting to see us at the Green Pond Landing. I expect the event will grow tremendously with a healthy competition to decorate boats. During the same weekend, the Blue Gavel Society (Captain Dan and past Commodores) hosted a nice Christmas gathering to include great food, beverages, Christmas tree decorating, and collection of toys and food for charity.

Planning for the New Year is coming together quickly. Anna Kay Lord is chair of the Entertainment Committee. This girl knows how to plan a party! The Halloween party was quite a hoot with special barbecue cooked by Jeremy Marsh. Anna Kay is already scheming for more fun. This year our Annual Banquet will once again be at the Galley restaurant at Portman Marina, Saturday, February 7th. Please watch the mail for an invitation and final details. A week later will be the annual Chili Cook Off. It was well attended last year with an incredible variety of food. I expect the same if not better this year. Come on out to spice things up a bit for the Valentine's Day weekend.

John Kreidler, with input from many, has pulled together the 2016 club calendar. For gatherings that you plan to attend, such as the Chili Cook Off, please visit the club website in advance and register. The ability to register for an event was put in place so as to be able to better estimate attendance and thus required food and beverages. We do not want to run out of food!

The calendar includes dates for races and regattas. The Principal Race Officer (PRO) and members assigned to race duty are included alongside the dates. Please make note of your race committee assignment so as not to forget. We cannot successfully conduct races or regattas without member participation. As a member of the club it is your responsibility to support the race by being there on time two hours before the start. If you have a conflict it is your responsibility to reach out to other members and find a substitute. The substitution needs to be reported to the PRO and Vice Commodore Will DeHart. I know this reads direct but it is important for all members to understand so as to avoid a club fine.

So with a calendar we have the outline of a plan. To execute this plan communication is important. Quite often we have found the need to contact a member only to discover that contact information listed on the website is not accurate. Some speculate that this information is entered when a member joins the club and as time passes never updated. Please make an effort to go out to the club website and review your contact information and updating as necessary.

I am looking forward to your support this year. I have great expectations for the club. Participate and have fun! Let us all be careful and safe at the club and on the water. Let us make 2016 another fantastic year of sailing and fellowship at WCSC. Be great advocates of the club and bring along friends to share the magic of WCSC!

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From the Vice Commodore

Ah... Winter. That time of year that reminds us of how much we miss Spring, Summer, and Fall. Many northern transplants to our club sail year-round, and kudos to them. Back when the club races were year-round, I was broken of my desire to put on extra layers in order to enjoy a day on the water... too many memories of thawing my frozen sailing gloves down below so that I could grip a sheet in order to trim. I'd rather worry about sunburn than frostbite!

That being said, this is a marvelous time to do work on the boats, docks, and grounds. No mosquitoes... mostly dead poison ivy... and minimal sweating while crawling between bulkheads to fix that leaky tank you've been meaning to fix all season. While welcoming our new Rear Commodore, Ronnie Ashmore, he and I talked at length about strategies for getting the club grounds back in shape. A ton of members expended a lot of effort in 2015 to start work on clearing saplings and underbrush, but there is more to do. Winter is a perfect time to tackle a lot of the underbrush since the foliage has dropped, and we plan on having some impromptu workdays specifically to work on this. Look for Ronnie's reminders in the new year and come take out your aggressions on some vegetation!!

I have been asked to remind the membership that it is against Federal Law to carry firearms on U.S. Corps of Engineer managed land. I have always been under the impression that WCSC had a policy against firearms at the club, but to save my life I can't find it in the By-Laws or Rules & Regulations while writing this article (doesn't mean it's not there... my eyes may just be missing it at the moment). Regardless, if you bring a firearm of any type on club grounds, you're breaking a Federal Law... please don't do it!!

Another reminder... if a boat isn't yours, ***DON'T TOUCH IT!!!*** We have had more than a few members get extremely upset (and rightfully so) after discovering that their boat had been apparently used, moved, or uncovered without their knowledge. PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE respect other member's property... and be sure your Junior Sailors do the same. The exceptions to this rule are the following: 1) If a boat appears to have been uncovered or had something come loose in a storm, feel free to secure the boat and/or cover; 2) If a boat's dock or mooring lines appear to have come loose, parted, or otherwise be putting the boat or dock in jeopardy, feel free to secure it and inform the owner; 3) The Dry Storage Committee or their chain of command may shuffle boats around (especially small boats). Every attempt should be made to inform the owner of the move and the reason. Dry storage of boats, trailers, dinghies, canoes, and anything else that is sitting on dry club property is the responsibility of the Dry Storage Committee, Grounds Committee, and Rear Commodore. NO ONE ELSE should be moving stuff without the approval of one of those three entities.

Back to a seasonal topic... Winter Storms!! I love bad winter weather (and bad warm weather, too). My belief is that if it has to be cold, it might as well be covered with ice or snow... at least then it's pretty. The downside, of course, is that stuff tends to get damaged at the club during winter storms. As most of you know, we are still in the process of repairing the docks from the microburst that hit during the summer. The good thing about summer storms is they usually roll through in a matter of minutes. In the winter, we often get winds above 35 knots for a day or two. It is mind-blowing how fast dock lines, cleats, and mooring tackle can fail in that kind of sustained wind. Please check your dock lines, their attachment points on the docks, and the cleats on your boats to be sure everything is secure for a big blow.

Chafing gear isn't just cool on mooring gear... it's cool on dock lines, too! See if you can be the coolest guy on your dock! Since the temperature is dropping, you also won't get sweaty if you crawl around in your hull checking to be sure your cleats are bolted tightly. I saw two boats last year with beautiful, strong dock lines that were secured to cleats that were pulling out of the deck. Don't be that guy.

Now for the fun part... Committees!! The following is the basic hierarchy of primary committees at the club, and following that is a brief description of the committees. There are some committees that aren't listed here (each party has a committee, each dock has a committee, and a few others). The committees in ***bold/italics*** are standing committees that the By-Laws require, and the committee chairperson is in parenthesis.

Commodore

- ***Entertainment Committee*** (Anna Kay Lord)
 - Individual Party Committees
- ***Membership Committee*** (Spencer Mathews)
- 10 Year Planning Committee
- Junior Sailing Committee (Joe Martin / Patrick Hopp)

Vice Commodore

- ***Sailing Committee*** (Vice Commodore)
- Individual Regatta Committees
- Motorized Fleet/Racing Equipment Committee (Rick Fontenot)
- ***Harbor Committee*** (Dan Maret)
- Mooring Administration Committee (Paul Schultz)
- Slip Administration Committee (Dave Vanenberg)
- Individual Dock Captains
- Breakwater Committee (Ronnie Ashmore)

Rear Commodore

- ***Grounds Committee*** (Rear Commodore)
 - Landscaping Committee (Jill Jerome / Thomas Jacob)
 - Dry Storage Committee (Dennis Baker)
 - Camper Village Committee (Brian Hampton)
- ***House Committee*** (Tim Crane)
 - Network Committee (Jeremy Marsh)
- Fair Share Committee (Roni Bromely)

And now a brief explanation of each...

Entertainment Committee – Plans and/or administers duties for parties and other social functions.

Membership Committee – Should have a Chairman and 8 other regular members. They receive and review applications for membership, consider credit and character of applicant, consider protests or endorsements of members for applicants.

10 Year Planning Committee – Makes suggestions to the Board of Stewards for future goals that will enhance membership, member participation, sailing experience, club operation, and club facilities.

Junior Sailing Committee – Organize and administer Junior Sail Camp and other programs to benefit the junior club members.

Sailing Committee – Shall direct and control all races sailed under the auspices of the Club. Currently this committee functions as two committees, the Keelboat Fleet Committee and the Centerboard Fleet Committee. Individual Regatta Committees administer their regattas directly under the Vice Commodore.

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From the Vice Commodore (continued)

Motorized Fleet / Racing Equipment Committee – Ensures operational condition of club motorboats and orders, cares for, and organizes racing equipment.

Harbor Committee – Shall be responsible for the care, maintenance, and management of the Club's Harbor facilities including docks, moorings, and launching ramps, and for conducting all Harbor activities in accordance with the rules of the Corps of Engineers.

Mooring Administration Committee – Shall coordinate mooring assignments and ensure mooring equipment maintenance.

Slip Administration Committee – Shall coordinate slip assignments and with the individual dock captains ensure dock equipment maintenance.

Breakwater Committee – Shall maintain breakwater including repairs and relocation as needed.

Grounds Committee – Shall assume the care, maintenance, and management of the grounds, and shall decide on and contract for all work necessary for the proper maintenance of the grounds and equipment used in maintaining the grounds.

Landscaping Committee – Coordinates regular maintenance of grass and flowerbeds.

Camper Village Committee – Assigns spots for campers, coordinates construction of new camper spots, ensures villagers adhere to their rules.

Network Administration Committee – Ensures the proper function and handles the maintenance of the club network.

Fair Share Committee – Tracks membership's fair share hours work throughout the year and reports to billing administrator.

As mentioned in previous articles, the Board of Stewards intends to be sure every member of WCSC is on a committee in order to be in compliance with the By-Laws. These are VERY brief explanations of what each committee does, but there are a myriad of tasks and functions within each committee that may suit your skill set. Please be thinking about which committee you would like to formally be a part of in the near future. Again, this is a great way to get part (or all) of your fair share without hacking at vegetation every workday. Hacking vegetation is a noble task, but we also need member participation on almost all of our committees. If just two hours of each members' fair share is channeled into the functions of the club committees, the club would run extraordinarily smoothly!

Happy Sailing, and stay warm!!

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From the Rear Commodore

Although I had been approached several times over the years to serve on the WCSC board, I knew I could not commit to the time I felt it deserved and therefore I declined the opportunity to serve. However that has changed. By the time you read this I will be retired and am looking forward to being able to spend more time at WCSC and doing what I can to improve and maintain the facility we all are lucky enough to have to enjoy.

As this is my first time on the Board, I am quickly discovering we have by-laws, rules (lots of them), and a lot of important committees. I also found out there are a number of those committees for which I am responsible. During a handoff meeting with Paul Rock and Will DeHart several weeks ago, and then upon looking at the WCSC webpage, I learned the committees that fall under the Rear Commodore are referred to as "Shore Based" and are the Grounds, Camper Village, Landscape, House, Pump Out Station, Dry Storage, Ship's Store, and Safety & Security committees. It looks like these are currently in able-bodied hands, which I trust those members will continue in their roles in 2016 (guess I better find out if they are).

Will DeHart did an excellent job as your Rear Commodore in 2015. He completed a lot of important projects, but still had some that remained in progress or that may need further attention in 2016. This naturally leads me to the six scheduled 2016 Work Days (see the club calendar). These days give you an opportunity to complete your required 10 hours of annual Fair Share for the club. Our first regular Work Day of the year is scheduled for March 5th, which also happens to be Commissioning Day. It's a great time to come down early, tackle a few projects, clean a few things, improve our club... then stick around for the ceremony and meet your Board and Executives for 2016. Prior to each Work Day, I will communicate our tasks to be tackled, expertise needed, and tools necessary to accomplish those tasks safely.

If you know anything about me from my heading up the breakwater committee, you know I like to schedule my own special workdays. I had a former boss that would tell us when faced with a huge project: "How do you eat an elephant?" His response would be "one bite at a time." Therefore just to give you a heads up, there will also be "special" additional Work Days throughout the year, especially during the winter and early spring to continue the massive amount of under brushing ("our elephant") needed all around the club. I will try to organize these with about two weeks notice by communicating through the website, an email notice, and through the WCSC Google Group. This under brushing project will certainly improve the appearance of the club, help with the mosquito issue, and make the grounds easier to maintain in the future. I look forward to working with each of you on this project during 2016. There will be many opportunities to take a bite out of our elephant.

Although most of you know me, I thought I would tell you a little bit more. I was born and raised in Greenville, SC, graduated in 1970 from Wade Hampton High School, was an Eagle Scout, and attended the Philmont Scout Ranch in Cimarron, NM. I attended Georgia Tech in Atlanta, GA under their Co-Op program graduating with a BS in Civil Engineering in 1975. My Co-Op company during school was Ballenger Paving, an 80+ year old highway construction firm in Taylors, SC, specializing in the concrete paving of interstate highways and airport runways. On December 31, 2015, I retired from the company as the Division President after 43.5 years of service.

I joined WCSC in 1979 with a Tanzer 22, later had a Tanzer 26, and currently own and race a Buccaneer 18 named "Vespula", the bright yellow boat in the corner of the main parking lot. As Bill Lacher likes to say, the name is "Latin for GA Tech". It does
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From the Rear Commodore (continued)

stand for yellow jacket. I learned to race while crewing onboard the Tanzer 22 "Dove" for my dear friend, Ed Sherman. For more years than I can remember, I have headed up the WCSC Breakwater Committee and since 2008 I have Co-Chaired the annual WCSC Hospice Regatta along with past Commodore John Kreidler.

In 1990, my wife Gloria and I moved to the lake. Between us we have 5 grown children and 3 grandchildren. In 2008 we tore down our house and rebuilt on the same lot. We reside in the first cove on the Anderson side of the double bridges (Highway 24) coming toward the club. If you are sailing up that way, we are a brown double slip dock, the first one on the right as you enter the cove, stop by and see us (Cruising Fleet, maybe it could be a destination or stopover for one of your events in 2016).

By the way, we had a ringside seat on our dock for the WCSC Christmas Light Boat Parade on both nights as they came by DC-6 and made their turn at the double bridges toward the Portman Marina. It was a beautiful sight. Great job to Tim Crane for

organizing and to all the others that participated!

Enough of my rambling. I will close by saying that I am very honored to be selected as your Rear Commodore. In addition to my regular duties, I want us all to work together toward increasing our membership as it makes for a much healthier club. Additionally, I plan to start working now with the leadership of the club and our Corps Liaison, Mel Sinclair, to prepare and put us in the best position possible for the negotiation of the renewal of our property lease with the Corps of Engineers in 2018 during my term as your Commodore.

As always, if you see a maintenance need, have a "somebody/they should fix that" thought, or need to express other concerns that fall within the "Shore Based" arena, please let the committee chairman and me know. See you at the club.

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Welcome to New Members

by Spencer Mathews

The Hiblers, George, Tammy, and Seth, joined WCSC on October 10 – a week before the Hospice Regatta. The orientation meeting was attended by Tammy and Seth. Their chief interests are having an additional family activity and providing an opportunity for Seth to pursue his passion for sailing and develop more advanced skills. Tammy has some sailing background, having completed the Red Cross sailing class some years back. Seth has been windsurfing for about five years and has had two summers at Sail Race where he's sailed Aquafins, Catamarans, and X-boats. He was named Skipper of the Year there in 2015 and hopes to sail a catamaran at WCSC. He's also interested in crewing, so skippers looking for light, agile crew, take note.

Glenn Mitchell and his fiancée, Jasmine Adams, attended a new member orientation on Sunday, October 25. They've just purchased CHERUBINI, the Hunter 25 previously owned by Vivan Portunato. Their sponsors are Jim Snowden and I. They've done a little sailing before, but asked about Ron Moede's class for adults and listed their goal as learning to sail. Glenn is an insurance adjuster for Liberty Mutual and Jasmine is a bank auditor who's working toward her CPA. They were very enthusiastic about becoming members and look forward to enjoying their new club. They were lucky enough to meet Bob Knapp and Steve and Susan Ruark who stuck their heads in at the meeting to say hello. I really like it when new members get to meet other current members around the time of their orientation meeting. Look them up and be sure to let them know we're glad to have them with us.

Joan and Jim Barlow and Ken Schultz attended a new member orientation at the club on Sunday, December 13. The Barlows, who live in another city, have a weekend house on the lake and two sailboats, a West Wight Potter 19, and a Precision 23, which is the same boat I have, so I'm hoping to see theirs soon. Ken has recently purchased DUCHESS, an O'Day 27 that has been living on E-dock. The Barlows describe themselves as 'born again' sailors. They sailed many years ago, but were not able to for quite some time and now have caught the bug again. Jim hopes to learn to sail faster by crewing for someone within the club racing program. Ken describes himself as a novice. He sailed small boats such as the Sunfish when he was a boy, but has never sailed a keelboat before. Joan teaches Math at the K-5 level while Jim works with INTEL. Ken sells and installs residential solar energy systems. The Barlow's children, Scott and Dan, are grown. Ken is single, the Barlows answered the 'marital status' blank on the application form with 'pretty good', so I expect they have a well-developed sense of humor. Jim Hudson and I are serving as sponsors for Ken; Jim Snowden and I, for the Barlows. Keep an eye out for these new folks and be sure they know we're glad to have them with us. See you on the water.



Jasmine and Glenn



Jim and Joan

Ken

Cruising Fleet News

by Tim Crane



We enjoyed a fantastic inaugural year at WCSC, thank you to all who helped make it such a wonderful time!

First and foremost, a HUGE thank you to all the great members who participated in this year's Lighted Holiday Sailboat Parade! You restored my spirit! Secondly, I hope that if you weren't participating, at least you had an opportunity to witness this year's First Annual WCSC Lighted Holiday Sailboat Parade or view it in the paper or on the news coverage. Moreso, I hope you were inspired to join us for next year's event!

This coming year we are looking forward to several more fantastic events organized by Ron and Martha Sanga, including 3 Sail In Movies. There will also be a couple of crossover events co-sponsored by WCSC Cruising Fleet and BigWater Sailing Club, where they'll spend time with us, and we'll spend time with them. We hope to open up a whole new chapter for the Cruising Fleet this year!

Looking forward to seeing many of you joining us on the water in January for the Frostbite Regatta Series! Usually good wind, maybe some inclement weather, but worth it!

I'd like to take this opportunity to urge current and potential new Cruising Fleet members to be more active at the club this year. Also, we'd like to encourage more of the Centerboard and Keelboat fleet racers to attend our events! You just may be amazed at what a good time you have by sticking around the club after the races have finished.

Come on out with us for the Frostbite races, join in for the Dam Distance Race, put it on your calendar to support either Diva Regatta or the Adaptive Sailing Day, register your boat for Hospice in the Sailing for Others division, even if you're on race committee or some other duty that weekend.

If seeing or hearing about the Lighted Sailboat Holiday Parade has inspired you to join us in 2016, two things - shop early after the holidays for better deals on LED lighting for your boat (you'd be amazed at the savings), and if you need advice on anything pertaining to lighting up your boat, please feel free to contact me! In 2016's Lighted Holiday Sailboat Parade, we hope to have the Lake Hartwell Power Squadron onboard with us, as well as fellow sailors from BigWater Sailing Club. Already this year we've had folks with powerboats from Portman express interest in joining us! The one thing that CANNOT happen though, is that these additional groups outnumber the boats from WCSC that are participating! Next year's goal is 40 WCSC boats....there....the gauntlet is down. Registration will be open soon. Yes, I'm asking you to commit this holiday time to the club now.

Participation is what the Fleet needs. We need WCSC to be successful so help us help our club to be successful and come on out and participate. If you'd like more information on the Cruising Fleet, or to help us out on the more involved events we have planned, email at wscs.cruising.fleet@gmail.com.

Here's looking forward to a great 2016 at WCSC!

2016 Quarter One Cruising Fleet Schedule of Events

January 9	1200	Fleet Meeting, dues (\$20)
	1300	January Workshop/Cruise
January 23	1200	January Workshop/Cruise
February 6	1200	February Workshop/Cruise to the Banquet
February 13	1200	Cruise (will be back for the Chili Cook-off)
February 27	1200	Double Nickels Cruise
March 12	1200	Weekend Cruise
March 20	1200	Weekend Cruise

Note: All times listed are harbor departure times, there will be a Skipper's meeting in the Swamp one hour beforehand.

It's Coming...

the **Dam Distance Race**
Easter Saturday 26 March

Details will be on the
Club web site
March 1st



The Hospice of the Upstate, Ronnie Ashmore, and John Kreidler would like to say a big, heartfelt 'Thank you' to the Board of Stewards and the members of WCSC. With your help, we were able to raise over \$71,000 at this year's Hospice Regatta. That is a pretty incredible number for our event and something everyone should be very proud of.

This year was a year of records. We raised a record amount, we had a record number of boats participate (91) and had a record number of members help us run the event. It's a great feeling to know that you can count on the membership to step forward and help us every year. We always have members come forward and offer to help out which spreads the load of carrying the event. That includes help with food, registration, race committee, setup, clean up, raffles, donations, and everything in between that makes the Hospice a great event. Thank you!

The sailors love coming to this event as well. I recently had a conversation with a member from a neighboring club who wanted to know the date of the Hospice in 2016 because they were adding OUR EVENT to their club calendar! Wow!

Another big reason for the success this year was the creation of a new sailing class, PHRF E (Cruising class) which is for boats with a displacement of 3500 pounds or greater and no spinnaker. This turned out to be our biggest class this year and produced the overall winner of the event, Michael Klootwyk from Big Water Marina.

Start making plans for this year's event scheduled for October 14-16, 2016 and start lining up your 'Sailing for Others' supporters. We will launch the Sailing for Others web page in January, so look for the announcement and kick off your 2016 fund raising to get a head start on being eligible for some great awards and raffle items.

THANK YOU again for your support. You make us proud!



Brian Hampton says, "you need to get your butt down here to race or party in April"...or he'll sick Chris Miros on you!

Highlander Midwinters Coming Soon!

by Bruce Busbey

After a great 2015 with Midwinters preceding our Highlander Nationals at WCSC, the Highlander Class skippers are chomping at the bit to come back for more. You can all be proud of the great impression made on the Highlander Class members and crew by the outstanding hospitality, accommodations, and of course Race Committee provided by our club for both events.

At this point you might be asking yourself how can the Highlanders have their "Midwinters" at WCSC in April when that's almost summertime (down here at least)! The answer is pretty simple, most of the Highlanders are coming from those frigid northern states such as North Carolina, Virginia, Ohio, Indiana, Kentucky, and Rhode Island.

For those skippers, April at WCSC represents the perfect break in their long and dreary winter, which for some can last well into June. And therein lies the big draw - come down to our beautiful Lake Hartwell and experience sunny days and temperatures in the 70's or stay at home looking longingly out your window at the snow drifts and slush. It really doesn't get much better than sailing/racing in April down here.

For those of you interested in possibly crewing at our 2016 Midwinters on the weekend of April 2/3, please contact Bruce Busbey (sail500@aol.com) as soon as you can and he will put the word out to the Highlander list of skippers. Otherwise come on down to watch the racing and join the party!



Come join us for Highlander Midwinters or you'll get the stink eye from Reid Kafsky (notice the terrified look on Patrick Hopp's face!)



Keelboat Fleet News

The 2015 Fall racing season concluded on November 15, another day with insufficient wind. In all, we were only able to race on three of the six scheduled days because of insufficient or excessive wind.

In "A Fleet," Marc Bailey (Melges 24, Screaming Mimi) won the season with 5 first place finishes in his best five races. Your author Steve Kiemele (J/70, White Rabbit) took second place with a net score of 9 points while Roger Welte (J/22, Winsome Too) took third place with 15 net points. Four other members raced during the season but not enough (over half of the races) to qualify for series scoring. The other A Fleet skippers racing in the Fall Series were Chuck Ballew, Joe Martin, Chris Clemow, and Chris Miros.

In "B Fleet," Mike Harrison (Catalina 22, Old Yeller) finished first with 2 net points. Brian Hampton (Santana 20, Chubasco) was close behind in second with 3 net points. Old Yeller and Chubasco were the only B fleet boats to race in the fall series.

On November 15, the fleet had its annual meeting. Annual dues were approved at \$40. The following members were elected or volunteered to serve as follows:

Fleet Captain	Steve Kiemele	Asst. Fleet Captain	Marc Bailey
Treasurer	Joe Martin	PHRF Committee Chair	Mike Harrison
Secretary	Margaret Kiemele	Scorer	Paul Harder
		Beverage Consultant	Brian Hampton

Our 2016 Spring Series commences on March 6th. On the first race day of the season we will have one distance race around government buoys. The A and B classes will start first and a second start will be held for any "cruisers" who would like to participate. The starting line will be long and uncongested. Cruiser finish times will be taken and scores computed but the scores will not be published. Cruisers interested in how they finished may call me afterward if they wish. Cruisers need not join the Keelboat Fleet, or even sail a keelboat, to participate.

On the other five race days in the upcoming season three races (around inflatable marks) for the A and B classes of the Keelboat Fleet are scheduled with an intended duration of 45 minutes each. We meet in the clubhouse for lunch at 11:00 am (\$4 to \$5 donation per person expected). At 11:30 am we have the competitor's meeting and discuss the plans for the day. The warning signal for the first race is planned for 1:00 pm with the other two races following ASAP. No race will be started after 4:30 pm. After the races we gather at the "Tiki Bar" at the head of D dock for snacks, refreshments (adult beverages provided and selected by the Fleet Beverage Consultant), scores, and "stories."

Our fleet by-laws and sailing instructions can be found on the club website under "Club Documentation, Keelboat Fleet Documentation." We sail under US Sailing's Performance Handicap Racing Formula (PHRF) where inherently faster boats (based on design, not skill) are handicapped against those that are not so inherently fast. We sail in two classes - "A" and "B" - with the "A Class" being those with a PHRF rating of 189 or lower and the "B Class" boats having a rating of 190 or higher. Rating adjustments are made for sailing without a spinnaker if desired. Boats kept in the water receive a rating adjustment for that disadvantage too.

If you have any interest in racing, or just improving your sailing skills by comparing your performance with others, our fleet is a great way to get started. The racing is generally low-key with a minimum of "discussion" on the water. If you would like to get started as a crew member, please let me know in advance of a race day and I'll try to find you a ride.

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News from the WCSC House Committee

Hi everyone! The WCSC House Committee hopes you enjoyed 2015 at the Sailing Club!

Believe it or not the supplies for the club, such as toilet paper, paper towels, and cleaning supplies don't just magically appear at the club. A member takes the time out of their schedule to monitor the stock and make sure it's replenished when needed.

Believe it or not the clubhouse and the mainland head are not 'self-cleaning'. We have a cleaning service that comes and rescues us twice a month. During those off weeks we need more members taking just a few seconds....yes, just seconds (I've timed it...lol) to clean up after themselves. For example, don't leave the counters flooded after shaving; if you use the last bit of toilet paper grab a roll from the supply and leave it in the stall - the next person will thank you! If you're at the club and wildlife had a party in a trashcan or dumpster at least consider helping out by cleaning it up instead of just thinking '...oh well, someone else will take care of that...'

In short be a good member, help us keep on making WCSC a great second home. If you're interested in earning fair share hours by becoming a member of the House Committee please email us at wscshouse@gmail.com. Thanks, and looking forward to seeing you all at the club lots MORE in 2016!



18th Annual Chili Cook-Off

by Hugh VantLeven



2016 marks the 18th annual chili cook-off.

The cook-off will be held February 13th at 6:00 PM in the WCSC club house.

All members are invited.

Admission is \$10 or 10 canned goods for the local food bank.

Anyone interested in participating is welcome.

There is no cost to enter the cook-off.

So dust off your chili pot, dig out that favorite recipe and have at it.

You could win bragging rights.

Bread, salad, adult beverages and soft drinks will be provided.

Contact Hugh VantLeven for additional information.

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Jan	01	1200	Commodores Cup Frostbite	Derek and Anna Kay Lord
	05	1900	Board Meeting	
	09	1100	Cruising Fleet Meeting	Tim Crane
Feb		1200	Cruising Fleet Cruise	
	16	1200	Frostbite #2	Derek and Anna Kay Lord
	02	1900	Board Meeting	
	06	1800	Annual Banquet	Commodore Paul Rock Hugh VantLeven Derek and Anna Kay Lord
Mar	13	1800	Chili Cookoff	
	20	1200	Frostbite #3	
	01	1900	Board Meeting	
	05	0800	Work Day #1	Rear Commodore Ronnie Ashmore Lisa Craft and Board of Stewards
		1500	Commissioning Day	
	06	1300	Keelboat Fleet Spring PHRF Race #1	J.Kreidler, W.Lehmann, M.Bromley, C.Lane
	12	1000	Centerboard Fleet Meeting	Chris Mirois, Fleet Captain
		1300	Centerboard Fleet Race #1	C.Ballew, B.Young, F.Metherell, P.Finazzo Sr, C.Bush, T.Herbert
	15		Windsong Deadline	Lisa Baker
	19	1300	Keelboat Fleet Spring PHRF Race #2	B.Benson, E.Jacobsen, R.Sanga, A.Campbell, D.Tracy, M.Engel
20	1300	Centerboard Fleet Race #2	M.Bailey, H.Edwards, S.Luthi, M.Miros, J.Brannon, J.Rohrer	
26	1000	Dam Distance Race	Allison and Rick Fontenot, PRO Ted Sauvain, Susan Whitehead	