

THE WINDSONG

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WESTERN CAROLINA SAILING CLUB

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FROM THE COMMODORE

Wow, is the year really half over? Racing is over for the spring and we're moving into summer sailing. Hopefully everyone is getting out and enjoying our club.

If you have not been to the club in a while there is construction abound. The new camper area was approved by the Corps and the higher amp "Big Camper" electrical service has been run. New campers are in place and the project is finally coming together. I saw Patrick Hopp trenching and making final electrical connections the other day - thanks Pat. Thanks also to Hugh Vantleven for managing the business end of the project through the maze of corps/city regulations and paperwork.

Chris Kafsky and his team have ripped up the back deck and re-decked it with material similar to our new docks. It looks GREAT and is going to last a very long time. We have enough material to complete the deck overlooking the lake as well and Curt Rubinstein is actively planning that install.

We solicited a second opinion on our leach field project. It was recommended that we install an aeration system to eliminate the biomass that had accumulated in our field. The system is guaranteed to resolve our problem and was significantly less expensive than the original proposed leach field extension so your Board opted for this path. Thanks again to Hugh Vantleven for running point on this project. He has done a fabulous job of presenting a variety of options as well as managing vendor quotes.

Your Rear Commodore (Paul Rock for those who have not been paying attention...) has made it a personal mission to clean up the bone yard. He and our work day crews have made great progress and one might even be able to get a trailer in/out soon!!!

With all of this work going on I am happy to report that the club remains on solid financial footing. All of our reserve accounts are fully funded for 2014 and the above projects are on or under budget.

It is the Board's hope that we are offering events and activities that all of our members can enjoy. We need some volunteers to help with some of the upcoming events so if you can be "that guy" please contact myself or Derek Lord.

- Sail in Movie (July 12 in conjunction with Jr. Sail Camp)
- Jr. Sail Camp (July 12/13 & July 19/20 – contact Hanna Curtiss, Pat Hopp, Joe Martin)
- Full Moon Sail (August 9 – Looking for a sail leader for this event)
- Work Day (August 16 - Still need some fair share hours – this is your opportunity, contact Paul Rock)
- Cruising raft up (August 16 – looking for team leader for this event)
- Diva Regatta (Sept 6-7 - Chicks on sailboats - what a great idea!! Calling all Chicks – get a boat and get out there, contact Dacia Schrecengost)
- Disabled Sailing Event (Sept 6 – Another great event coordinated every year by Al Hippensteal)
- All Night Sail (Sept 13 – Need help with this event)

Membership is currently at 221 - significantly below the plan laid out by the 10 Year Planning Committee. There has been a lot of discussion about "how to" attract new members. A number of ideas have been bounced around and plans are being formulated to implement some of them. If you have any ideas please feel free to share them with a member of the Board or Membership Committee. The 10 Year Committee is scheduled to re-convene this summer to check in on our current plans and reserves. Their mission is to ensure our current path is still the best use of Club resources and to examine the question of an adult learn-to-sail program as a means to increase our target market and thus membership levels.

In closing, I am sad to report that our current treasurer, Dave Foland, has announced his retirement. I would personally like to thank Dave for all of his hard work over the past years. He has been a very valuable board member and excellent steward of club funds. Dave was always a solid voice of reason and kept the board on track. Again - thank you Dave.

Of course this means we are seeking a new treasurer. Dave was an engineer so you don't have to be an accountant. If you know of anyone interested, please contact your Nominating Committee (Steve Kiemele, Joe Martin, Kerry Steck) or myself. As always, if you have ideas or concerns please do not hesitate to call or drop me a note.

Respectfully,

Dennis Baker

From the Vice Commodore

Well this is certainly a change from years past in terms of the water level. I hope that everyone has already taken advantage and spent a bit more time out on the water this year. Most of what I mention below appears elsewhere in this Windsong, but I wanted to take this chance to highlight some of the best points.

We've already completed the Spring Series for the Keelboat Fleet with better than a 9 boat average per race between A and B fleets and a high of 13. Congratulations to winners Marc Bailey and Mike Harrison. The Centerboard Fleet's year-long series is still going strong with a 9+ boat average per start as well. The first race of the season gathered 17 teams! Both of these groups are great to sail with and would love to have you come join them. The Keelboat Fleet dines at the clubhouse before each race, and the Centerboarders gather at the Tiki Deck at the head of D dock after racing for stories, beverages and the occasional cook-out.

Come sailing.

If cruising is more your style, there are events for you, too. We enjoyed a wonderful sail-in movie June 7 with an estimated 10 boats rafting up to watch the 1985 John Candy comedy Summer Rental courtesy of Bob Knapp. There are several more cruising events slated on the schedule just waiting for interested cruisers to jump on and make happen (other sail-in movies, non-movie raft-ups, night sailing). Please contact me if you are interested in helping make sure that your favorite (or soon to be favorite) event occurs.

Come sailing.

We can even make sure that you can enjoy getting on the water without having your own boat. The club has a fleet of 420's and Aquafins already on the steep ramp dock, almost in the water. These boats are also primary to our junior sailing program that ensures that we have a next generation of sailors, and unfortunately, they do not maintain themselves. If you would like to sail one of these boats or contribute to help keep them ship-shape, please contact Joe Martin.

Come sailing.

Yes, there is a subtle theme to this article. You may not have picked up on it, but I love this club and want to make sure that it is strong for years to come and our club's success depends on our volunteers. Enjoy your club, bring your friends and family, get involved, pitch in, and...

Come sailing!

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From the Rear Commodore

The first half of the year has seen much accomplished at the club through the volunteer effort of many members. The bone yard clean-up is almost finished. Brush was reduced to mulch without the need to burn through the use of a forestry service. During the last work day conveyor belting used for the maintenance of the break water was rolled and stored. Belt and tires not able to be used were gathered for disposal. Scrap metal items remain and must yet be removed. It is interesting to note that over 60 cubic yards of debris were removed from the bone yard and club premises.

The 30A project in the camper village is complete. Much thanks to Brian Hampton for his leadership in bringing this project to completion. The resulting trench across the road will be filled and patched.

If you have been to the clubhouse you cannot help but notice the beautiful new deck. Curt Rubinstein is leading this project. Many club members participated in the demolition of the old deck and addition of new stringers. Upon completion of the demo and addition of stringers Chris Kafsky donated his time, expertise and construction crew to install the new decking. This was not a trivial task as the correct pattern first had to be established before any significant progress could be made. When you see Curt and Chris please thank them for all that they have done. The plan is to complete the remaining deck before Hospice in the fall. The remaining deck is in really bad shape especially where exposed to the sun.

Thanks to the effort of Hugh Vantleven the club house septic tank now has access ports and an aeration system installed. Hugh gathered several proposals and quotes. These were reviewed at the BOS meetings and ultimately the decision was made to install an aeration system. The aeration system introduces oxygen to support aerobic bacteria growth and should serve to restore the drain field to proper capacity. Several plumbing issues were resolved during the last work day. Faucets and toilets were repaired. A new sink and faucet were installed at the main land head.

Derek Lord fabricated new chair racks. The racks were painted last work day and are now populated with chairs. The room in the club house where they were stored is being cleaned to permit use for race committee. I expect we will continue to make progress for the remainder of the year. The next work day is scheduled for August 16th.

While much can be accomplished through volunteer efforts there is an area that remains the responsibility of individual members with regard to property on club grounds. If you have a dinghy, boat, or camper on club grounds please be sure that it is cared for properly. A walk around the club reveals many boats that are in a state of neglect. Please do what is necessary to ensure that your boat is not collecting water and thus a host to rodents and mosquitoes. If your dinghy or boat is not seaworthy and you do not have near plans to repair it please take steps to remove it from club premises. The club premises cannot become a dumping ground for derelict boats or campers.

Happy Sailing!

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HELP WANTED

The House Committee is open and needs 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 ensuring that the clubhouse is clean and in order.

I am also looking for someone to take the responsibility of updating and changing the calendar signs at the club entrance. This is a small but important task. Please contact me if you are interested at paulrock61@gmail.com.

Welcome to New Members

by Spencer Mathews

Please welcome Paul Wheeler to membership. Paul attended his orientation at the end of March. He'd visited the club in mid-February and quickly decided to apply for membership; but his application went astray in the mail. He called to discover what had happened and sent the materials a second time. As it happened, he was in Spartanburg on business one day in March and we met at my home for the orientation. He's a Merrill-Lynch financial advisor, a Clemson graduate, and a former member of the Clemson University sailing club. He's spent most of his sailing life in dinghies; but brings a Catalina 25, *SECOND WIND*, (sail # 808) to WCSC. He learned about the club from Art Rouse and Art and I are his sponsors. Keep an eye out for Paul, who says he wants to increase his knowledge of sailing and join a group that shares his interests.



Paul Wheeler

In early April, Ernie Dewitt attended his orientation along with his daughter, Leah. The meeting was scheduled on the same Saturday that one of our groups was tearing up the old walkway outside the north wall of the club and prepping it for its new composite material surface. When I arrived at the club, Ernie was outside helping that work group and Leah was weeding the flower beds near the main entrance ramp – talk about newcomers who jump right in! Ernie and his wife, Angela, have two daughters, Shea and Megan, in addition to Leah. They range in age from 16 to 20. Ernie teaches in the 'outdoor leadership' program at Toccoa Falls College and is also a flight medic (both national and international). Angela works with the Stephens County school system. They have a 23-foot Paceship, *ANGELA MARIE*. They had visited the club spontaneously and good 'ole' A.G. gave them a tour of the grounds. I wasn't in town when they called from the gate, and were lucky enough to find him with some time on his hands. Ernie has sailed since he was seven years old, and now has decided to join us because we have a 'friendly and caring' community of sailors (let's try to live up to that).

In late April, we were joined by David Oldstrom and his family. He and Janet Johnson have been engaged for three years and have successfully blended "two families, three last names, five kids, two dogs, and 4 cars into one loving household." The children (Molly Oldstrom, Abigail Oldstrom, Ian Byrnes, Emily Oldstrom, and Michael Byrnes) range in age between eight and seventeen. They call themselves the J-O-B family. I met Michael (who was described as the "tallest" member of the family). It turns out that we are partially indebted to him for the family's interest in WCSC. He'd visited the club with a group from St. Joseph's school in



The Dewitts

Simpsonville. Josh Wiethop teaches there and brought some of his students as his guests. David told me that Michael had come home praising the club so highly that the family quickly scheduled a visit. They were on the grounds during Springboard weekend. David is the experienced sailor. He learned as a child in sail camps in Michigan and has sailed an 18 foot Renken on Hartwell Lake in the past. He also has quite a tale to tell about a Beneteau 44 during a storm in the Med. Janet has less experience than David, but her dad had a 36 footer on Lake George in New York, so she could probably tell some tales as well. David says that all of them want to learn to race and that junior sail camp is something the children are excited about. They'll be sailing a 26 foot S2.8 (InBalance), that they found on Lake Lanier and got Joe Rose to haul to the club. They'll be keeping her on a mooring until a slip is available. David describes the wait list as a blessing because until they get really confident with the new boat, it's less daunting to hit a mooring buoy than to ram a dock! Clearly he's one of us.



The J-O-B Family

A new member orientation was conducted on June 7 for Christopher Kelly and the Engel family. Christopher is a graduate student from Clemson who sails an AMF Puffer. He wasn't free to make it to our Open House, but arranged to come a week later when Ed Sherman showed him the features of the club (thanks Ed). Christopher learned about us through Art Rouse from West Marine. Art and Ed are his sponsors. Chris describes himself as a

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beginning sailor who wants to develop his skills and enjoy the company of other sailors. I invited him to come to the skipper's meetings of both the Keelboat and Centerboard Fleets and let folks know he is interested in crewing.

The Engels moved to the U.S. about two and a half years ago and first learned about WCSC as guests of Andrea and Werner Lehmann during this year's Open House. The Lehmann's are the Engel's sponsors. The Engel's daughters, Saskia (17) and Alina (15), have had windsurfing training and Markus has had that and catamaran training. Saskia just graduated from high school. Wife, Simone, is not a sailor – yet. They are in the market for a keelboat in the 25 – 27 foot range. They are looking forward to a class on sailing. Markus holds the post of Expert Project Engineer with Prettl Electric Corp.

Do your usual good jobs of letting all of them know we're glad to have them with us. See you on the water.



Chris Kelly



The Engels

As the summer season begins, US Sailing member Drew Daugherty of Grande Maumelle Yacht Club in Arkansas provided us with insights he learned from a junior sailor that can apply to all sailors (Thanks to Dave Foland for forwarding).



HOW TO BE A GOOD SAILOR

Sometimes it takes a child's perspective to really see things clearly. Their minds are clear, uncluttered with problems, predeterminations, and over-analyzed knowledge. So often we ignore or overlook a child's simple breakdown of life's events. Such is the case with my son; a nine year old assigned in school to explain "how to be a good sailor." He has just started sailing but we should all take notice of his clear plan which starts out very pragmatic and ascends to a sensible, affirming philosophy. It reminds adults, shame on us for getting old. His list:

Get a boat - Concise and to the point and for a kid it is a huge obstacle. Adults as well should get a boat. We take for granted that we have boats, but really obtaining a boat is the first tangible step to becoming a (good) sailor. Remember your first boat?

Practice a lot - Funny how important this one is to a kid, as it ranks second in line. Practice is what kids don't enjoy about mastering a skill. Ironically it is the very thing we adults don't do and tend to skip over because we are adults and we can. Wouldn't we all be better sailors if we practiced a lot?

Learn how to swim - No argument here except that perhaps it should be listed as the second most important thing to do. However to a child practicing a lot is a much more daunting task than simply learning how to swim. Swimming doesn't really take any practice (once you know how) and besides it is fun. Yes, we should all know how to swim, but I have known many good sailors who couldn't, but they practiced a lot. So, I suppose it is in the right order.

Be a good sport - Now we are getting somewhere. From the moment they can kick a soccer ball kids are taught to be a good sport. It transcends every activity and every facet of life. Yes, be a good sport. Have you ever noticed the best sailors you know are also the best sports? Invariably the bad sports, those who scowl, growl and break the rules are near the back of the pack. God bless you son, for this one.

Stay in good shape - Once again I thought this to be out of place, a little too high on the esoteric scale of how to be a good sailor. Granted those lines are hard to pull and to a kid that is another obstacle to becoming a good sailor. But it is sound, simple advice to us as well. Hey, stay in good shape. Sailing is something you can do until a ripe old age, especially if you stay in good shape. It is as if the child knows that sailing is a life-long sport that will satisfy you for many years and we should cherish that and protect it by taking good care of ourselves. I like it!

Go with the wind - Yes, young man, go with the wind. At first this sounds so easy and sometimes it is. Those who go with the wind will win a lot of races. To a child of course it is easier going with the wind instead of against it. The same holds true for adults. In sailing and in life the ones who go with the wind get there faster, easier and in better spirits. It's as if my son knows, don't go against things, be adventurous, go where life takes you without resistance. Go with the wind!

Have fun - Can it be that simple? Maybe. Having fun is the single most important thing to a kid, so why do adults lose sight of such a simple concept? At what point in our lives does having fun become unimportant? Don't sail for any other reason. Sure winning is fun, but not if what it takes to win isn't. Next time you are in the heat of battle, look at your crew, smile and say, "isn't this fun." Retain that spirit of youth.

I hope everyone will get a boat and practice a lot, particularly if you know how to swim. I assure you that if you are a good sport and stay in good shape you will be able to go with the wind, and have fun.

The Dam Distance Race 2014

by Rick Fontenot

This year it was called the Good Dam Distance Race, held Easter Saturday and went off, well...with a hitch. Breeze! My old joke that the wind on lake Hartwell averages 14: you get either 0 or 28 was not greatly exaggerated. At 0915, at bouy S 16, my handheld anemometer was showing 16-21 mph. I know it increased by the start of the race.

A week prior to the event, we were worried that the NWS forecast of 3 was going to make for a pleasant picnic, but even for conservative non-racer types, not much of a sail. Four days prior to the event, we were told to expect 7-10. That's what we wanted for the targeted fleet of day sailors and cruisers. But race day was what it was.

We had a total of 13 boats register by midweek. One dropped out early week, reporting equipment failure. Three dropped out Friday, reporting that they were not comfortable competing in the expected conditions. Nine showed up (on time!) for the skipper's meeting. There was a fire in the fire place, as well as hot coffee and muffins. Seven boats left the harbor and headed for the start line at S 15. Five boats actually made their start. Four boats finished the race (one retired after making a navigation error). Damage for the day was one broken jib halyard, with subsequent shredded jib, and one damaged genoa (the spreader won).

The wind was from about 035° to about 045°, estimated to be from 16 to 24 mph or so. On occasion, there were stronger gusts. Following the pursuit start protocol, the slowest-rated boat (Mike Miros in his Flicka) started first, 2:02 after the clock started. The subsequent starts were at 07:39, 19:02, 21:35, and the fastest-rated boat (Rick Fontenot - Corsair 24) had to wait 38:15 to start. The course sailed started at S 15, near the north tip of Andersonville Island, extended as far as buoy 17 in Big Water, and finished back at S 15, for a distance of 10.2 miles.

The later-starting boats began to close on those that started ahead of them, and the fleet was within a few hundred yards of each other at the 'rounding mark' (17). On the beat back to the finish, the fleet began to separate, with the faster boats pulling ahead. The first boat to finish sailed the course in 1 hour 41 minutes. The final boat required 3 hours and 6 minutes to finish. Yes, there was wind enough to sail a longer course, but most agreed that a longer course would have resulted in a very long beat back to the finish. I think most of the fleet had had just about enough fun. (Oh, did I mention the rain?)

As the fleet was heading back to the Club (well, some were still racing), Allison headed to Ingles to pick up fried chicken and sides. The fire was stoked, a few adult beverages were brought to bear, and the stories began. Awards were given to the RC for volunteering for this event and persevering in the conditions. Dave Foland (PRO), and Susan Whitehead (RC crew) received the new-and-improved WCSC logo license plate, machined out of 3-layer vinyl, and donated by Mike/Chris Miros. The fourth place boat, Wind Horse (Cape Dory 25), helmed by Ron Sanga received one of these also. The top three boats received a ball cap embroidered with the Good Dam Distance Race logo. Finishing in third place was Hang on Sloopy (Catalina 30), helmed by Curt Rubenstein. Taking second place was Dennis Baker's Liquid Therapy (Islander 32). The first boat to finish was Cowardly Lion (Corsair 24) sailed by yours truly, Rick Fontenot.

Was this event the success we had hoped for?

Yes! We had 13 boats, many being non racers, register for the event. This number of boats compares very favorably to a keelboat fleet race. No! We had more than half of the registrants not start the race. The weather pushed the event out of the enjoyment zone.

Will we organize this event next year? Foxtrot Alpha! We hope that this year's racers will talk to their dock neighbors and encourage their participation. Both the Club and Keelboat fleet funded this event, and I think the Club will staff it with a RC crew next year.

Allison and I want to thank the Club and Keelboat fleet for their sponsorship. We want to thank Dave Foland and Susan Whitehead for volunteering to serve as RC. We especially want to thank all the sailors that made an attempt to be part of this event. At the end of the day, without participants, there is no event.

Good Dam Distance Race 2014								
	PHRF	Design	Age difference	Course B	Course C	Course D	Course E	Cou
	2013			Start-S6s-Fin	Start-S6s-25s-S6s- Fin	Start-S6s-25s-18s-25s-S6s- Fin	Start-S6s-25s-18s-4s-18s-25s-S6s- Fin	Start-S6s-25s-18s-4s-18s-25s-S6s- Fin
				4.4 miles	6.2 miles	10.2 miles	14.4 miles	18.8 miles
				delay	delay	delay	delay	delay
300								
288	12			0:00:53	0:01:14	0:02:02	0:02:53	0:03:41
255	45			0:03:18	0:04:39	0:07:39	0:10:48	0:13:57
252	48			0:03:31	0:04:58	0:08:10	0:11:31	0:14:52
212	88			0:06:27	0:09:06	0:14:58	0:21:07	0:27:16
?	85			0:06:27	0:09:06	0:14:58	0:21:07	0:27:16
112				0:08:13	0:11:34	0:19:02	0:26:53	0:34:44
127				0:09:19	0:13:07	0:21:35	0:30:29	0:39:23
127				0:09:19	0:13:07	0:21:35	0:30:29	0:39:23
132				0:09:43	0:13:38	0:22:26	0:31:41	0:40:56
0				0:11:00	0:15:30	0:25:30	0:36:00	0:46:30
				0:13:21	0:18:48	0:30:56	0:43:41	0:56:26
				0:16:30	0:23:15	0:38:15	0:54:00	1:09:45

Next Fastest PHRF :



Keelboat Fleet

The Keelboat Fleet completed 16 of 18 scheduled races with two cancelled or not started for lack of wind. In the "A Class," nine boats competed with five boats qualifying by sailing at least nine of the races.

- Marc Bailey (Melges 24 "Screaming Mimi") scored first overall with eight first place finishes and 10 points counting in his best nine races.
- Chuck Ballew (Ultimate 20 "Happy Hours") finished second overall with 12 points. Chuck has really improved this year and achieved 6 first place finishes. Marc has real competition from Chuck.
- Your author and fleet captain (Steve Kiemele) came in third overall with his J70 "White Rabbit." We were well behind the curve with 24 points and not a single first place finish.
- Roger Welte (J22 "Winsome Too") was close behind with 25 points for fourth place. Roger missed a lot of races toward the end of the season but he had some impressive finishes (one first and three seconds) earlier in the season.
- Chris Miros (J24 "Fais Do Do") was the remaining qualifier, fifth place. We're glad to have Chris and "Fais Do Do" sailing with us again.

In the "B Class," a total of 10 boats competed (average of five boats competed) and five qualified by sailing at least nine races.

- Mike Harrison dominated the series with a total of 11 points and seven first place finishes.
- Dick and Paul Harder (Lindenburg 22 "Lucky Lindy") finished second with 15 points. Dick missed a number of races because of some health issues but averaged even better than Mike in the races that he sailed.
- Craig Lenfestey (Catalina 22 "Cattitude") finished third with 18 points. Craig had a couple of first place finishes ahead of Mike and remains a threat.
- Brian Hampton, sailing Santana 20 "Chubasco" finished fourth with 25 points. Brian just started sailing "Chubasco" this season and has steadily improved. In the last race of the season, he finished the race before his nearest competitor rounded the previous mark! As a former owner of "Chubasco" and a long time friend of Brian, I could not be more proud.
- Jeff Kaisner, sailing Capri 25 "Prime Time" joined the fleet this spring and finished fifth overall. Welcome Jeff!
- Keith Chiswell, sailing a San Juan 21 also joined us this year. Although Keith did not sail enough races to qualify, his average finish was quite good at 2.7. Welcome to Keith and his young family!
- Harold Morse (S2 6.7 "Sundance") missed most of the races but had one second place finish.
- Mitchell Brannon, sailing a Chrysler 26 ("Ruccus") joined us for the final race day and we hope to see more of him and his father.

Our 2014 Fall Series of six race days begins Sunday, September 14th. Each race day, 3 races 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 competitors' 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, scores, and "stories." Please note that the times for the final race day (November 8) moves up by one hour because of the change from daylight savings.

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.

Steve Kiemele (rhymes with Emily) - J70 #345 White Rabbit
2014 Keelboat Fleet Captain - skiemele@hartcom.net

Project Leaders Needed!

Want to spend some quality time with six sporty friends on or near the water? Need an interesting way to get fair share hours besides cutting bushes and painting tables? Not that those don't also need attention from time to time, but I need some assistance.

I am looking for one or two members (or more) to help maintain the Club 420s. Note up front, I am not talking about major maintenance like fiberglass work. I am talking about the standing rigging and running rigging. Keeping inventory on what needs to be fixed or replaced, telling me so we can regularly order the parts and then installing those parts. The first project day might take a few hours but after that we are probably talking an hour or two per month, maximum. Continuously doing the preventive maintenance will make this an easy, ongoing, project. That way the boats will be always ready to play.

This offer is first come so do not hesitate in sending me an e-mail to jump on this opportunity. Send me a note at: joemartin1559@gmail.com or give me a call 864-350-1772. Please call me if there are additional questions. And thank you in advance.



The Juniors Corner

by Joe Martin



ARE YOU READY FOR SOME FOOTBALL? The NFL has Monday Night, Thursday Night and Sunday Night monopolized for football. But not...FRIDAY NIGHT DINGHY NIGHTS! Are you ready? Have you missed us? The suits have come down heavy on the dinghy night squad, calling us names, pointing fingers, etc. The pressure is intense, so pop the pressure valve... we are having a couple of dinghy nights. Friday night July 11 and Friday night July 18 have been booked. Wind has been ordered. Dominos has added staff and gassed up the delivery car. We may even be able to coerce Mr. One Man PRO Band Fontenot into making a cameo. Find your dinghy parts and come on down. This racing is for both Juniors and Senior Juniors (Senior Junior means of course all of you who have officially aged out of real Junior status but are still just mature 12 year olds). Officially the racing starts off the point at 1800. Leave the dock 1745ish or whenever. We will be out earlier (prob by 1500) to herd the cats. We may go out early for some practice.

By the time you read this the Junior season will be well under way. The advanced class will have had six sessions. One might ask, how do you keep track of that many sessions? Use all four fingers and the thumb of one hand plus the thumb from the other hand. One session was blown out. One day of 420 spinnaker training. A couple days of Laser racing (the girls dominated). One day of Highlander racing with the dinghy fleet. And I think a catamaran day. With more to come as mentioned above. John, The Dude, Whitehead even bribed his way to an out of town regatta on a Flying Scot. Regular Junior Camp is the second and third weekends of July. July 12-13 and 19-20. Details are all over the WCSC website. We are looking forward to a great camp as always.

Speaking of camp, we cannot say thank you enough to those who volunteer time and boats to the camp. Camp would be difficult to pull off each year without all the support. The on the water time with the students is probably the easiest part of the weekends. So, from the instructors, thank you all very much.

Just received this note from SAYRA. If we have interested WCSC Juniors we can probably figure out how to get there. Here is the note...The Charleston Yacht Club Open Regatta will have 420's without spinnakers and some Lasers available for juniors who need a boat for the regatta at no charge for boat charter!! The regatta is July 19th and 20th and the boats will be available out of Charleston Community Sailing, at Charleston City Marina, and the College of Charleston Sailing Center, at Patriots Point, Mt. Pleasant, SC. Contact for the College of Charleston is Ned Goss, gossep@cofc.edu or Jacob Raymond jdraymon@g.cofc.edu. Charleston Community Sailing contact is Jessica Koenig at jessica@charlestoncommunitysailing.org or 843-607-4890. Charleston Yacht Club is providing boats to help facilitate juniors to get on the "line". When making the reservation for a boat, please let them know you are a junior and desire to use a boat for the Charleston Yacht Club Open. There will be launching available additionally at James Island Yacht Club for others to bring their own boats. The boats that are borrowed from the Charleston Community Sailing and the College of Charleston must be returned to the venue after racing each day.

Also, please see the request elsewhere in this Windsong regarding a couple of volunteers to assist in maintaining the 420 fleet. It will not be an all consuming project as noted in the request.

Well that is about all for now. As always, contact us with brilliant ideas, thoughts of the day or questions needing answers. Complaints, of course, should always go to Commodore Mr. Baker.

Ship Store NEW Addition

These are aluminum plates. We had a hard time finding a company that would handle small orders, so we bought the blanks and hired a sign company to cut out the vinyl. These will sell for \$5 because the materials weren't expensive.

They are durable, will not dry rot from the sun, or shatter. Now everyone can be proud to sport our burgee and website address. This time of year I'm usually at WCSC most weekends, but if you want to be certain to catch me there, drop me an email at JoHopp@hotmail.com.





2014 Hospice Regatta



Hello WCSC!

The 2014 Hospice Regatta is scheduled for October 18-19 and I wanted to send out the first of many communications letting you know what is going on and what you can do to help.

We have a goal of raising \$63,000 this year for the [Hospice of the Upstate](#). I am really proud of WCSC and the membership for the work we have done to grow this event and the giving/support that we provide. We have come a long ways in the last couple years and would not be able to do it without your support and help. The event has contributed over \$400k in the last 10 years to the Hospice of the Upstate. Yes, we have made a difference! As we look towards the event this year, help us achieve our 2014 goal either thru racing, donations, cruising or volunteering to help. We need your help.

If you don't know much about the Hospice of the Upstate, check it out online at www.Hospicehouse.net. They have a fabulous facility with 27 patient rooms dedicated towards quality end of life care. This is a charity that Ronnie and I feel especially attached to as we both have recent Hospice experience.

One of my messages today is to recruit our membership to help with our Corporate sponsorship. This is where you come in. Many of us work for companies who typically have some kind of matching gift program or in some cases would be willing to support our event. We would like you to investigate what options are available at your Company. Many of you may have already done this. If you have not had a chance, please contact your HR department or the person in your company that would direct you to the correct person that can help. Sometimes, all it takes is to ask the question. You might get the budget answer...meaning it may not be in the budget this year. But ask what can be done to get it in the budget for 2015? Please do some leg work for us and try to be our 'sponsor' at your company. If you have any questions or if you need help in working with your employer, contact Ronnie or myself. We would love to lend a hand.

We have setup a link on the Club website at www.wcsc-sailing.org. Follow the 2014 Hospice link on the left. It will direct you to a page that includes Sponsorship packages including a link to the donation page, the NOR and other information on the event including contact information for Ronnie and John. We will be adding more information to the page as it comes available.

Along with the corporate sponsorship there are a couple other areas where you can help.

Sailing for Others

The Sailing for others sponsorship program is something that Ronnie thought of and launched a couple years ago. This great idea has raised over \$30,000 alone just in the last 3 years. It's a great way to get everyone involved in the sponsoring Hospice of the Upstate.

If you are a skipper and plan on competing, start lining up family and friends to help sponsor your Hospice experience. This can all be done online at the club web site at www.wcsc-sailing.org. We need your participation to help reach our 2014 goals.

The top 'Sailing for Others' skippers will be recognized on Sunday during the awards ceremony.

Volunteers

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 exceeding our goal this year.

John and Ronnie

2014 Club Championship Regatta

by Brian Hampton, Club Championship Regatta Chairman

The 2014 WCSC Club Championship Regatta was held on April 26 and 27 this year. We were thankful to be sailing Buccaneers on loan to us from Club members. The Club Championship has Challenger and Championship rounds. In fleets with more than 3.5 avg boats for last year, the winners of those fleets are invited to the Championship round. For 2013, those fleets were Centerboard and Keelboat A. The Challenger round is filled out using drop downs to pick up the next highest finishing available skipper in the qualifying fleets, competitors from fleets that didn't qualify or special invitations. Once we have the competitors set, it is time to go sailing!

We started on Saturday with the Challenger round. Steve Kiemele (crew Margaret) represented Keelboat A, Dennis Baker (crew Lisa) represented Centerboard. Former multiple time club champion Paul Harder (crew Alan Curtiss) was a special invite as was Spencer Mathews (crew Dave Foland) from our Centerboard fleet. The top two skippers would advance to sail on Sunday in the Championship round. Steve Kiemele is an accomplished Buccaneer sailor and was a favorite to advance from the Challenger round. Odds were pretty even on the other 3 skippers.

I was working on getting the Santana ready for spectating duty and was late getting out to the course. Dang outboard wouldn't start so we sailed out. John Kreidler spectated with me. The first race started on time and a few boats were late to the start. The first 2 races finished Kiemele, Baker, Harder, Mathews. Race 3 shook things up when Mathews won the race and Kiemele finished fourth. This proved to be an anomaly. In race 4 we went back to the finish order of our first 2 races. Kiemele and Baker advanced to sail on Sunday. The breeze was nice enough for the spectator fleet to make it around and get some pictures but not enough to present any issues with boat swaps between races.

Saturday night our defending champion John Kreidler hosted dinner. This is a new part of our Club Championship. Last year, Steve Kiemele hosted a pasta dinner for our inaugural Champion's dinner. In the second year, John hosted us with a steak dinner. The food was wonderful and a few beverages were enjoyed. We had a little trouble finding enough steak knives in the club house for the 15 or so attendees. It was a wonderful meal and indeed a great party.

Sunday morning found us ready to go with Marc Bailey (crew Derek Lord) as the Keelboat A champion, John Kreidler (crew Joe Martin) as the Centerboard champion and Kiemele and Baker advancing from the Challenger round. At 1000 we promptly postponed for lack of wind. Not even the last warm breath of a dead man could be found drifting across Lake Hartwell. It was calm. The calm lasted well into the afternoon. Around 1400 we made the call to get out on the water and if wind were to come up, we'd race. If wind didn't come, we'd cancel for the day and reschedule. Prayers were answered and wind arrived before 1500. We would only have enough time left in the day for 4 races instead of 8. But, at least we could race. The outboard on the Santana started with no problem. What a difference a day makes. I had rock star crew, Anna Kay Lord, to help me sail and spectate (way better than Saturday's crew). After 2 races, defending champion Kreidler had a commanding lead with 2 bullets. The other 3 skippers were tied at 6 points each. Kiemele could finish no better than third in the first 2 races. Tough fleet! This is the stuff championships are made of - great racing which would only get better. Kiemele pulled up his big boy pants and got the bullet in race 3 followed by Bailey, Baker and Kreidler. Going into the final race the points were Kreidler 6, Kiemele 7, Bailey 8 and Baker 9. We had a potential for a 4 way tie. It doesn't get much closer than that! In the final race, Kreidler took an early lead and rounded nicely ahead of the fleet. As he was stretching the lead on the run he got too far right and found a hole. The other 3 boats then passed him and rounded the leeward mark all in a pack. The breeze filled in a little and the beat to the finish was spectacular! Baker had gone right and Kiemele and Bailey left. They converged at the finish and from a distance, we couldn't tell the order. They were that close. As you can see from the chart below, Kiemele edged out the other 2 skippers to become your 2014 Club Champion. Excellent racing in tough conditions. What will we do next year to make this even more exciting?

Qualifier Series					
Skipper	Race 1	Race 2	Race 3	Race 4	Total
Kiemele	1	1	4	1	7
Baker	2	2	2	2	8
Mathews	4	4	1	3	12
Harder	3	3	3	4	13

Championship Series					
Skipper	Race 1	Race 2	Race 3	Race 4	Total
Kiemele	3	3	1	1	8
Kreidler	1	1	4	4	10
Baker	2	4	3	2	11
Bailey	4	2	2	3	11



Rule 31 Touching A Mark

While Racing, a boat shall not touch a starting mark before starting, a mark that begins, bounds or ends the leg of the course on which she is sailing, or a finishing mark after finishing.

Centerboard Fleet Results - 2014 Season

Centerboard Fleet Race No																																							S a i l e d	P o n t s A v g	B e s t 1 6								
Skipper	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38				39							
Bruce Busbey	1	3	4				1	2	1				1																													7	1.86	1.86					
John Kreidler	2	2	1				4	1	2	1	3	4	4				1	1	1		1																						14	2.00	2.00				
Ryan Harder																					2																					1	2.00	2.00					
Dennis Fisher	4	1					2	5	3				6				5																										7	3.71	3.71				
Dennis Baker	7	4	3							4	4	2					4	4	2																									9	3.78	3.78			
Chris Kafsky	5	5	2														2	5	3		7																							7	4.14	4.14			
Ronnie Ashmore	10	6	5								3	2	3	5			3	2	5		13																								11	5.18	5.18		
Will DeHart							5	3	4				12																																4	6.00	6.00		
Byron Hicks	12	11	8								2	1	1				10	7			4																								9	6.22	6.22		
Derek Lord	8	9	7																		3																								4	6.75	6.75		
Steve Kiemele	3	8	6											3			8				13																								6	6.83	6.83		
Marc Bailey	6	7	13										2				7	6																												6	6.83	6.83	
Rick Fontenot	14	14	9				8	7	5	5	5	5	8				6	3	6		6																									14	7.21	7.21	
Spencer Mathews	9	10					6	8													5																									5	7.60	7.60	
Brian Hampton	11	12	11				3	6	7								9	8	4																											9	7.89	7.89	
Allison Fontenot	13	16	10				9	4	8	6	6		12				12	10			8																									12	9.50	9.50	
Chris Miro													7								13																									2	10.00	10.00	
Erik Paschke	16	13					7	9	6																																					5	10.20	10.20	
John Whitehead																	11																													1	11.00	11.00	
Ben Killinger													12																																	1	12.00	12.00	
Paul Harder																					13																									1	13.00	13.00	
Keith Shrecengost	15																																														1	15.00	15.00
Scott Griffin	18																																														1	18.00	18.00

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July	05	TBA	July 4th Party	Hosted by D Dock
	1300		Cruising Raft Up	
	08	1900	Board Meeting	
	12	1800	Sail-In Movie	
	12-13		JR Sail Camp	Johanna Curtiss, Patrick Hopp and Joe Martin
Aug	19-20		JR Sail Camp	Johanna Curtiss, Patrick Hopp and Joe Martin
	05	1900	Board Meeting	
	09	2000	Full Moon Sail	
	16	0800	Work Day #4	Rear Commodore Paul Rock
		1300	Cruising Raft Up	
Sept	30	1000	WCSC JR Championships	PRO and RC support from Junior Instructors
		1800	Labor Day Party	Hosted by A Dock
	06-07		DIVA Regatta	Dacia Schrecengost
	06		Disabled Sailing Event	Al Hippensteal
	09	1900	Board Meeting	
	10		Windsong Deadline	
	13	0800	Work Day #5	Rear Commodore Paul Rock
		0830	Anderson Learn to Sail Class	Ron Moede
		1300	Centerboard Fleet Race #8	R.WELTE, A.Rouse, K.Steck, R.Wolcott, B.Kellet, B.Watkins, G.Coleman
		1800	All Night Sail	
	14	1300	Keelboat Fleet Fall Race #1	D.BAKER, B.Karlow, K.Schrecengost, C.Miros, J.Rose, B.Bowling, J.Kovaz
	20	0830	Anderson Learn to Sail Class	Ron Moede
		1300	Keelboat Fleet Fall Race #2	D.MARETT, W.Smith,Jr, D.Van Emburg, L.Vickery, G.LaPierre, E.Paschke
	21	0830	Anderson Learn to Sail Class	Ron Moede
	27	0830	Anderson Learn to Sail Class	Ron Moede
		1300	Centerboard Fleet Race #9	J.MARTIN, B.Knapp, R.Eades, BJ.Leonard, S.Lawrence, T.Crane