

# THE WINDSONG

Editor: Lisa Baker  
wcsconlinepublishing@gmail.com

WESTERN CAROLINA SAILING CLUB

Hartwell Lake, Anderson, SC

July, 2015



## FROM THE COMMODORE

Wow, this year is flying by and our club appears to be heading in a good direction. We have a full lake heading into July, our Open House this year was one of our very best-attended, and by the time you read this Junior Sailing Camp will be well on its way to being a roaring success.

Thank you to all who helped to get the word out about our Open House. Thank you even more to those of you who volunteered your time in helping to get our grounds in shape, planning, taking potential members out sailing, giving tours, answering questions, and all the other jobs that I surely left out. Every visitor I spoke with was favorably impressed.

The Memorial Day party afterward was even better attended, and thank you, again, to all who contributed. Several potential member families stayed for supper. We definitely feel that all your efforts during Open House will result in some new memberships.

On the sailing front, the 'new' cruising fleet has become very active with casually arranged group sails that will continue while our racing fleets are on their summer vacation, email Tim Crane [WCSC.Cruising.Fleet@gmail.com](mailto:WCSC.Cruising.Fleet@gmail.com), if interested. Our now annual Around Andersonville Island Alone (or not) Race was well run this year with some changes including slightly cooler temperatures, more breeze, as well as a change in the starting scheme. Many thanks to Rick Fontenot. In May, Ron Moede's 'B' dock got a bit twisted in a strong blow that dragged its anchors nearly to 'A'. Custom Docks repaired the damage and we are on the schedule for re-placing the anchors.

Land-side, after over four years of ideas and six months since signing a contract, the clubhouse drain-field has been improved. The grounds worst trees have been trimmed – thanks RC DeHart and crew. The Camper Village is more active than ever, operating under new, clearer rules – appreciation to Brian Hampton. Dry-stored boats are shaping up nicely – thank you Dennis Baker.

As always, if you have an idea on how we can better the club to “encourage and support the sport of sailing, sailboat racing, and the arts and sciences of seamanship and navigation, and subordinately to provide for amusement, recreation, and games for its members” please let any board member know.

Our annual Hospice regatta is right around the corner. Please take a moment to read John and Ronnie’s article later in this Windsong to see ways you can help to raise support for this worthy cause.

Bring your friends and family and come sailing,

See you on the water.

Derek Lord, 2015 Commodore  
[derek.lord.1@hotmail.com](mailto:derek.lord.1@hotmail.com) (864) 907-7911

## From the Vice Commodore

Well the summer heat is now upon us. While we spend time at the club, tending to boats and sailing we need to stay safe.

The heat brings the challenge of staying hydrated. Men require roughly three liters of fluids per day while women require a little over 2 liters. The 8 x 8 rule (8 glasses of water, each 8 oz) is a very general rule. If perspiring heavily adjust accordingly. Be sure to drink plenty of water between enjoying other beverages.

The summer sun presents the need to protect the skin from harmful radiation. Over two million are diagnosed with skin cancer annually in the US. Use sun block, wear a hat and appropriate clothing to block the sun. A good sun block will be water resistant with an SPF (sun protection factor) of 30 or better and block both UVA and UVB ultraviolet rays. UVA rays are long wave and UVB are short wave. Both UVA and UVB cause sun burn. UVA rays age the skin penetrating deep into the dermis. UVB burns the superficial layer of the skin.

Accidents happen while sailing and working on a boat. Does your boat have a first aid kit? If so when was the last time you inspected it and changed out items which were out of date or no longer any good (dried out band-aids for instance)? I do this annually. I also make sure it is stocked with such items as Benadryl and Ibuprofen. Sharp scissors and eye wash are good to keep. As I am always working on my old boat I get into the first aid kit about three times each year.

Be aware that the club has a well stocked first aid kit next to the refrigerator in the kitchen. If you happen to deplete an item, please replace during the next visit so it is not compromised for the next user.

So how is that boat of yours? Do all the navigation lights function? Do you have an adequate number of good (not old moldy tearing orange ones) PFDs? Do you have a throw cushion or other device for MOB (Man OverBoard)? How about those fire extinguishers? I have the objective of replacing every single light on my mast with LED bulbs. With the regular incandescent types it seems as soon as I replace one the other fails.

See you on the water soon!

Paul Rock

## From the Rear Commodore

Summer is here!! That means the temperature has finally achieved a level that stops me from shivering, the water is warm enough to take a relaxing swim, and all of our boats are tugging at their dock lines for us to take them out. It also means school is out, and hopefully everyone will have more opportunities to enjoy the club with the whole family. Some of the fondest memories of my youth were created at the club with my parents and siblings. I have great admiration for my parents for forcing us to bond during the roasting summer days and humid, insect infested nights at WCSC. Being a parent, I now understand the effort mom and dad expended to have those family times together; and even with all the discomforts... fights with the siblings, fear of dad putting the spinnaker up, itchy insect bites, and peeling sunburn, etc... they will forever be cherished times. And it was all possible because we had the blessing of WCSC to enjoy!!

Along that note, your Board of Stewards is working diligently to ensure that you, your children, and their children have WCSC for generations to come as a place for friends and family to bond and "encourage and support the sport of sailing, sailboat racing and the arts and sciences of seamanship and navigation." For those avid readers among you, you may recognize the quote... it is from *Article II* of the WCSC Bylaws, and is the club's mission statement. There are also subordinate purposes for the club, but the reason the club exists is to fulfill its main purpose. Luckily, while the membership is aiming

## From the Rear Commodore (continued)

at that goal, amazing memories are made, families bond, friendships are created and deepened, and there are a lot of fun parties along the way!

The two main reasons WCSC has lasted through the years and provided a place for all of that to happen is an active, involved membership and amazingly well thought out Bylaws and Rules & Regulations. This leads me to three big projects we are working on: First, we are working on creating Rules & Regulations for the Camper Village. As many "old timers" know, since the club was founded and up until several years ago WCSC was only allowed to store full size campers near 'A' and 'B' docks - they had to be pulled to the point for use. This was due to Corps regulations that they relaxed several years ago. At that time, the area for storage was repurposed as the Camper Village with approval of on-site use and installation of power. Since that time, rules have been approved as specific needs have arisen, but a set of comprehensive R&R were never created. At this time, the Board and Camper Committee are diligently working to create a fair and durable set of rules the will serve the Camper Village for decades to come. The new R&R will be modeled after the dock slip rules (which have functioned with minor changes for 30+ years), the rules that were already approved for the Camper Village, and rules from clubs that use campers in a similar fashion (other boating clubs and hunting clubs). Hopefully this will be completed soon.

Second, the BOS is actively pursuing a way to get each club member on a committee, and having the committees functioning as intended. The need for this has become amazingly apparent to me as I've begun my journey through the Executive Committee, but there are many reasons for members join a committee. As a committee member, fairshare hours can be obtained by doing something that matches your skill set instead of hauling tree limbs and weed eating (both necessary, too!). Your fairshare obligation can also be worked toward outside of workdays if your committee has a project or other work that needs completing (i.e. when a Harbor Committee member inspects dock lines, the time counts toward fairshare). Continuity is also created with active committees in place. It has amazed me the amount of time spent getting information on who does what or where something is located since joining the Board. With active committees in place whose members are fairly stable from year to year, the leadership is freed up to handle club improvements, maintenance, budgeting, rules issues, and a myriad of other tasks the Board is intended to handle. I think I can speak for the entire Board and say that none of us mind doing what needs to be done regardless of the task, *but* the club would function much more smoothly and the Board would function more efficiently with committees in place. The Bylaws list the clubs current committees with their functions, and we will get a list of other committees at the club to the membership soon. Please take a minute to look over the committees and contemplate which you would like to join. Our goal is for every member to be on at least one committee.

Third, we plan to install a new drain field for the clubhouse septic system. Oh wait... IT'S DONE!!!! Let's all have a moment of silence for the drain field... I remember a time when I would walk up the hill from my pop-up and worry about having to dodge roaches on the deck or on my way to the head, but for too many years my fear turned to what I was wading through on the hill to get to the clubhouse. Yes, even the roaches would hide as I left wet footprints of toxic who-knows-what on my trek to relieve myself. But that's all behind us! Our old drain field consisted of 600 feet of leech line - most of which wasn't working - and the new installation is 800 feet in parallel to the old system. Theoretically, the old system will still have some working capacity, and the new part should be ample to handle the biggest crowds during our regattas. The scarring will get filled in and seeded after it's had a little time to settle.

Just a few more items to consider. I am always open to suggestions for workday and non-workday projects. If you see a need, please let  
(Continued next page)



## From the Rear Commodore

(continued)

me know. Some of the current items I'm aware of include refurbishing/rebuilding picnic tables, finishing painting Adirondack chairs (and maybe making more), cutting and clearing limbs next to mainland boat parking lot (near 'A' dock), installing edging on docks (so docks don't scratch your topsides), painting RC boat, working on breakwater (call Ronnie about that one), rebuilding flower beds around flagpole, and eventually filling and seeding over new drain field. As I've mentioned before, these don't have to be done on workdays, but I do need to approve the work prior to it getting done. Some of these are bigger jobs and CAN be done on a workday... if you're interested in heading up one of the projects just let me know.

A word about bottom jobs... **bottom jobs are prohibited by DHEC on WCSC grounds!!!** Specifically, we are not allowed to remove bottom paint anywhere on club property due to its potential environmental impact and our lack of DHEC compliant waste collection facilities. Drapes, tarps, drop clothes, and vacuums do **NOT** make it legal to remove bottom paint at the club (not in the parking lot, bone yard, or especially on the causeway!!). That being said, you *are* allowed to *apply* bottom paint as long as none gets on the ground (drop clothes would be appropriate here). Doing other boat work is fine, too, as long as you're not leaving stuff on the ground (this includes repairing blisters, minor fiberglass work, etc.).

And finally, please attend to your boats, campers, and other equipment that is on club property. We are making a big effort to have unused/abandoned boats and property at the club either attended to or removed. If you have a boat with a shredded tarp and 50 gallons of water in the cockpit, please drain it and get a new tarp or relocate it to your driveway. If you moved your boat and left a pile of random rigging and trash in its place, please make it look loved and straighten it or remove it from the club. There are Rules & Regulations in place regarding unused and disheveled equipment, and we are making a push to enforce those rules. We are not trying to be disrespectful or turn our *sailing* club into a *yacht* club, but equipment that is not taken care of is not fun to look at, is taking a spot that an active member could use, is a breeding ground for mosquitoes, wasps, rats, spiders, and snakes, and is a general safety hazard. Bring a cooler and offer beverages for volunteer helpers... you'll be amazed how many people will enjoy cleaning your boat with you!! A HUGE 'thank you' to everyone that has come to the workdays, everyone that has worked on side projects, Brian, the Camper Committee, and the Camper Villagers for their work, and all who have made suggestions on how to improve our club!!

Will DeHart

## Welcome to New Members

by Spencer Mathews

Wheee! We have four new members who attended orientation meetings during the week of May 4: Two families, one individual member, and one student member.



Cridland-Hughes Family



Christy and Edwin

Susan and Jed Cridland-Hughes, and children, Harper (almost 7) and Hollis (who'll be four by the time you read this) were introduced to the club and sponsored by the Lachers. Jed has some sailing experience from his childhood, and his family has some limited experience. They are recent transplants to South Carolina and have been looking for an outdoor community that can provide a great experience for their children. Jed is the reference supervisor for the Greenville County Public Library and Susan is associated with Clemson University. I suspect that when their children get to age 8, they'll be in sail camp. In the meantime, we need to get them a variety of experiences on different boats so they can figure out just what kind of boat might suit their needs.

The McCain family: Edwin, Christy, and children, Walt (age 9), Ben (age 8) and Tiller (age 5) are looking forward to sailing. Edwin has sailed all his life – even taught sailing at Pine Island in Waterville, Maine. He would love for his children to grow up sailing. He is working to restore a Catalina 22 for the family. By the way, Edwin

has both a career as a performer and as a restorer of boats. He discovered us because an episode of Animal Planet was filmed on Hartwell Lake, part of it on and from one of our members' boats. The McCains are sponsored by Ron Moede and Tim Crane.

Dr. Sara Wells, who is completing her residency at the Greenville Health System, doesn't have a boat of her own yet; but says she can sail a Sunfish decently although she adds that her formal training is limited. One of our drawing cards for her was the fact that we have several Aquafins available for members to use. She's interested in learning more (as are we all), so be sure to give her the opportunity to get a ride on your boat when you get to meet her. Her sponsors are and Jeri Zoerhof and I.



Sara



Ben

Ben Delorme is a student at Anderson University. He's sailed as a guest at WCSC and has sailed both cruisers and smaller boats. Lacking a boat of his own right now, he's interested in taking advantage of the WCSC 420s, a type of boat he's sailed before. He's in touch with Joe Martin who he's asked to look over his shoulder while he rigs one of ours just to make sure he hasn't forgotten anything crucial. Ron Moede and Tim Crane are his sponsors and he has sailed with Ron in one of our distance races.

I must apologize for the quality of some of the photographs – I think I need to retire my little point and shoot camera. Keep an eye out for our new members and make sure they know we're glad to have them with us. (And ask Ed McCain when that Animal Planet episode is going to air.)

## Welcome to New Members

(continued)

I am pleased to report the addition of a new family to our membership. Lisa and Chris Stokes are taking up sailing as they enter the 'next phase' of their lives. Their youngest son, Spencer (you can see why I'm happy – there aren't enough Spencers in the world) who's 17, is graduating high school this year, and they have two other children, Bailey Claire Stokes who's 19 (maybe 20 by the time you read this), and Cara Christie who's married and left the nest. Their sponsors are Ron Moede and Keith Schrecengost. Chris attended a new member orientation on Sunday, June 7. The Stokes have purchased PANACEA, a Pearson 30. They are new to sailing; but are likely to be active members since they've been out enjoying their boat a couple of times in the first week of their membership. They hope to enjoy more time together and ..."meet some great new people."



### The Juniors Corner by Joe Martin



Hello Campers. this little note is being written under pressure knowing that Mrs. Mr. Baker is going to drop the foot on me for delinquency. If you have seen the movie Inside Out then the phrase "the foot has hit the floor" will mean something to you.

Just when you think there is nothing more, along comes a bonus deal you cannot pass up. The IT gurus have been toiling away in the basement and..... Boom! .... a website dedicated to Sail Camp. The address is [wcscsailcamp.com](http://wcscsailcamp.com). Here will be the detail, the nitty gritty, the stuff. Also, don't be surprised to receive an email or text from the website letting you know important news and stuff in virtually real time. Sweet!

We have held three Laser classes this year. We have had an assortment of Junior Sailors making an average of 8 per session. The June 20 class had by far the best breeze with good steady white caps and big gusts. At times the session did, however, resemble a swim meet. Everyone was exhausted after three hours of boat hiking.

We need to make an adjustment to the Advanced Class schedule. Due to work schedules, etc. it appears that we are not going to be able to hold the entire week long session. If things change we will advise. So, instead of July 13-17, currently the plan will be to hold the Advanced Class on Thursday and Friday July 16 and 17.

A note to parents of students attending the July 16-17 advanced class. A parent or adult responsible for the student will need to be on site during the time class is not in session, especially at night and double especially if the student is camping. Please don't hesitate to contact Hanna, Patrick or Joe for additional information.

The remaining dates for the Advanced Class and Regular Sail Camp are as follows:

Advanced Class will be held from 1000-1500 on the following days:  
July 16-17, August 22, with Junior Championship on September 5

Regular Sail Camp will be held from 0900-1500 on the following days:  
July 11-12 and July 18-19

OK, that is all for now. Watch the club website and the new camp website for information - [wcscsailcamp.com](http://wcscsailcamp.com).

See you soon.

### Diva Regatta by Dacia Schrecengost

On September 12 & 13, WCSC will be hosting our annual Diva Regatta to benefit Safe Harbor. We will have a Distance Course open to all sailboats, a Juniors Course and our new category Day Sailors. Our Day Sailors will be given some locations to sail to, encouraging learning to sail without the stress of racing. Saturday after sailing, we will have raffles, appetizers, dinner (please rsvp for the dinner) and an amazing DJ for some great entertainment. Sunday, we will have more sailing fun with awards in every category. Registration will open soon and if you have any questions contact Dacia Schrecengost [864-365-6087](tel:864-365-6087) or [daysutherin@yahoo.com](mailto:daysutherin@yahoo.com).

Please join us as we raise money to support Safe Harbor!!

### Diva Regatta



September 12-13



## Keelboat and Cruising Fleet

by Steve Kiemele (rhymes with Emily), 2014 Keelboat Fleet Captain, J70 #345 White Rabbit, [skiemele@hartcom.net](mailto:skiemele@hartcom.net)

The 2015 Spring racing season concluded on June 7. We had 15 races over 5 race days - one scheduled race day lacked sufficient wind for even one race. Over the season, 10 "A Fleet" boats and 7 "B Fleet" boats participated.

In "A Fleet," Marc Bailey (Melges 24, Screaming Mimi) again won convincingly with an average finish of 1.33 and 8 points using his best 8 races. Up and coming Chuck Ballew (Ultimate 20, Mischief) finished second with a 2.36 average and 13 points. Your author Steve Kiemele (J/70, White Rabbit) took third with a 2.91 average and 20 points. The remaining qualifiers (having raced over half of the races held) were Roger Welte (J/22, Winsome Too) and Wayne Cheser (J/80, Road Kill) finishing fourth and fifth, respectively.

In "B Fleet," The Harders (variously Dick, Paul, and Ryan) again dominated the fleet with the Lindenburg 22, Lucky Lindy. Their finishes averaged 1.25 and totaled 8 points. Mike Harrison (Catalina 22, Old Yeller) took second with an average finish of 2.47 and 14 points. Close behind was Brian Hampton (Santana 20, Chubasco) in third place with an average finish of 2.58 and 19 points. The remaining qualifiers, Dawna Uchtmann (Capri 22, Anejo) and Craig Lenfestey (Catalina 22, Cattitude), were fourth and fifth, respectively. The fleet bids a fond adieu to the Uchtmanns and Craig Lenfestey who are moving out of the area. If you are interested in good boats, I think that both of these folks have theirs for sale.

A number of the Keelboat Fleet members participated in the Good Dam Distance Race. Marc Bailey took first, Paul Harder (sailing alone) took second, and your author took third. Several members also raced in the Around Anderson Island Race, although not all were sailing keelboats. Rear Commodore Will DeHart finished first single-hand overall and first in the single-hand multihull division sailing a Hobie 16. Paul Harder finished first in the single-hand monohull division with Lucky Lindy. Chris Miros finished first in the crewed monohull division with his J/24, and your author took first to finish and first in the crewed multihull division with a Hobie 18.

These distance events are a great way to begin racing. They use a "pursuit" start format where each boat is assigned a starting time based on the boat design's speed potential. The slower boats start first with faster boats starting proportionately later. In theory, all of the boats should finish together. If you pass a boat at any time in the race, you are ahead of it at that point. Also, the starting line is not crowded as there is rarely more than one boat starting at a time.

### **Our 2015 Fall Series commences Sunday, September 20.**

On each of 6 race days in the season, 3 races 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 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 (adult beverages provided and selected by the Fleet Beverage Consultant), scores, and "stories." Times are shifted an hour earlier after daylight savings time ends.

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.



## Burgees, Burgees!!

by Byron Hicks



Next time you are in the Clubhouse, check out the variety of burgees that have been presented to WSCS over many, many years. Most have been identified, but quite a few remain anonymous....so if you recognize an unidentified one, please hang a piece of paper on it with its sailing club name and it will be appropriately registered. Please also put your name on the paper so you can be credited.

Also... if you've been a member of a yacht or sailing club that is not represented, please consider getting one for the Club. A list of our burgees with their photo is being prepared for the Club website.

## **Cruising Event**

*by Tim Crane, Fleet Captain*

As you heard in last month's Windsong, Ron Sanga, Cap'n Dan, and myself have organized a new Cruising Fleet at the club. Our goal is encouraging members to come out to the club and enjoy using their boats in the company of others out on the lake. It is a non-competitive fleet, we don't time things, our 'Start Line' is the breakwater, our finish line is the Swamp for drinks and tall talk....lol.

Our sole purpose is to promote another aspect of the sport of sailing - enjoying leisure time on the water for an afternoon with fellow club members, then returning to the club for a social hour, or sometimes anchoring out for the weekend.

Our most recent outing was to Hartwell Marina, for their First Saturday party. We had a great time and several of us overnighted either at the marina or in a favorite anchorage on the lake, and then sailed back to the club on Sunday morning. Everyone who attended had a great time, good food, great live band, those folks know how to throw a party! There will be 2 more opportunities to participate in this fun event this summer.

Later on this summer, we're planning a cruise down to the Grill Man on the lake for lunch or early dinner, another Beach Party/Sail in Movie, a Pirate's day, and a Halloween party. So far we've sponsored 5 weekend events, with an average participation of 15 boats. Our goal is to have participation hit 30! Come on out and help us make that happen!

To all Centerboard Fleet members and Keelboat Fleet members, we'd love to have you join us out there as well on weekends when your fleet isn't already involved with an event. Come along in your own boat or show up at the Skipper's meeting and we'll make sure you have accommodations on one of our boats! All are Welcome!

In working to form the fleet we scanned the dock listings, the mooring assignments, and general knowledge of our fellow members to form the Email list. If this is something you'd be interested in and somehow you aren't yet on the mailing list, please contact us at [WCSC.Cruising.Fleet@gmail.com](mailto:WCSC.Cruising.Fleet@gmail.com) and we will make sure you receive future information.

## **July 11th Cruising Event**

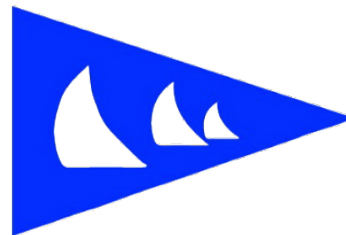
*by Ron and Martha Sanga*

Mark your calendar for another nearly world famous Ron and Martha cruise, beach party and dinghy race.

The date is July 11, 2015. We leave the dock at 1300. The cruise is around Andersonville Island (wind permitting). The beach party will be on the back side of Andersonville Island and the dinghy races will happen after the cruise and before we eat. The way the races happen is, there is one person rowing while blindfolded. The first mate then tells them where to go (?)...It's a short out and back race between two boats and is quite funny to watch. I hope we have lots of teams willing to be the entertainment for the evening. Prizes will be awarded!

We will have the usual fare on the grill. If anyone wants to bring a dessert to share, that would be great. As always, it's BYOB! For those that want to, we will be staying overnight on the hook.

Please RSVP so we can plan for the food.  
[ronsangasr@gmail.com](mailto:ronsangasr@gmail.com)



## **Think about it**

*by Dan Marett, Security Captain*

You would like to have the convenience of having your pizza hot and waiting on you when you get home from work. That's easy. Just give the pizza delivery guy a key to your home and he will take care of it. Two months later that same delivery guy gets fired because of drug use. No problem. He has a key to your house and you have some stuff he can steal and sell for drugs. That is ridiculous you say. Yes it is, however, you are doing the same thing when you give out the gate code for the club. The pizza guy, your kid's friends that are coming out to play in the water, your neighbor that is coming out for a sail with you, anyone that is not a member should not be given our gate code. We, like you, have some valuable stuff just sitting around that is an easy target for a thief. Our next billing period will require a gate code change because the code was given out to the pizza guy. You are going to have to remember a new number and put it in your phone or write it on your forehead. I have to take out the old code and enter a new one.

Please keep our club secure. DO NOT GIVE THE GATE CODE TO ANYONE. If you are having a special event, I can lock open the gate for that event, just contact me at 864-314-6045.

## 2015 Club Championship Regatta

*by Brian Hampton, Club Championship Regatta Chairman*

The Club Championship Regatta was held May 16-17 this year. This is a little later than the past few years as April filled up quickly with other events. Still, we are earlier than the traditional Memorial day wake and bake that used to be this event. To give you a little history, we sailed the club 420's for many years. Just a few years back we started borrowing "nicer" boats from club members and participation in the event has really taken off. For the last four years, we have alternated between Flying Scots and Buccaneers. This year we decided to compete in the fastest growing and now largest fleet at our club, the Force 5. With the renaissance of the Force 5 class we now have lots of really nice race-ready boats to borrow. Indeed we had 7 competitive boats to choose from. We picked what we thought would be the absolute closest matching four boats for the series and had the others in reserve for breakdowns.

Our participants in the qualifier series were Derek Lord, Dan Marett and myself. Races were scheduled for 1100 on Saturday and we got out to the course early in hope of wind. Our punctuality was not rewarded. Our PRO, Billy Lacher, had to go into postpone and wait for breeze. We finally got a nice 2mph gusting to 3mph and we were off like a herd of turtles. But we went to drifting conditions by the windward mark. At the start, I was on the line and about 2 minutes ahead of Dan and Derek. By the windward mark, Derek was first, Dan second and me third. The downwind leg seemed like forever and the order remained the same at the rounding but the pack was tight. I made it inside Dan, caught Derek on some lucky boat wake acceleration and then the breeze filled a little with me getting bullet by less than a minute followed by Derek and Dan. The second race was a fight for the start between Derek and I with Dan being the winner as Derek and I were both over early and had to restart. In trying to restart, Derek fouled my rudder with a nice thud and was off to do his penalty. Dan rounded the windward mark first and at the leeward mark looked to be on his way to a wire to wire win. Then his boom hit the mark and during his penalty, I passed and held off a super fast and thank God the course isn't any longer, Derek along with Dan, for bullet number two. With the other two competitors scoring 5 points total (each), I didn't need a third race to win the qualifier series. Thanks to a great and patient race committee and to the great competitors who graced the lake of play. Hopefully the next day would bring more wind.

Saturday night we had a wonderful dinner. This is the third year of the Champion's Dinner and each year it gets better. Jeremy Marsh smoked two boston butts at 250 for 10 hours and they were fall apart good. We did a little chicken pesto dish in the oven along with green beans (cooked overnight on the grill) and corn on the cob. Dana Lacher contributed a goat cheese, pesto baguette to start and grasshopper pie for dessert along with chocolate cake and fresh raspberries. Makes you hungry just reading, eh?

Even though Commodore Derek Lord requested wind in giving thanks the night before, Sunday left us a little light. Ronnie Ashmore, Mike Harrison, Marc Bailey and myself left the dock in about 2mph gusting to 5mph. We sailed the first race in minimal breeze and Ronnie took the bullet followed by Marc, me and Mike. For race number 2, Marc found his way out front. I fought from behind to pass Mike for second on the last beat. Ronnie got just a little behind and then the wind really died. He took about 10 minutes to finish after Mike. With the wind dead and after waiting a little, our steely eyed PRO moved the course up the lake about 600 yards in search of more breeze. He was rewarded and we started race three in promising 3mph breeze. I was OCS and Mike led the fleet around the windward mark. Marc passed for the lead in the run and Mike held off Ronnie to round third at the leeward mark. With all that strategy going on up front, I was able to make us some ground and round pretty close to the pack. Ronnie picked off Mike on the last beat and got second. Mike held me off for third and of course I brought up the rear with my fourth. Since Marc scored another bullet in Race 4, there was no need to sail the rest of the races. Congratulations Marc Bailey!!

The next question is what boat will we sail next year and can we find a weekend with more wind?



Qualifier Series			Not sailed	
Skipper	Race 1	Race 2	Race 3	Total
Brian Hampton	1	1		2
Dan Marett	3	2		5
Derek Lord	2	3		5



Championship					Not sailed	Not sailed	Not sailed	Not sailed	
Skipper	Race 1	Race 2	Race 3	Race 4	Race 5	Race 6	Race 7	Race 8	Total
Marc Bailey	2	1	1	1					5
Ronnie Ashmore	1	4	2	2					9
Brian Hampton	3	2	4	3					12
Mike Harrison	4	3	3	4					14





It's that time again! The 2015 Hospice Regatta is scheduled for October 16-18 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 \$65,000 this year (wow thats a big number!) for the [Hospice of the Upstate](http://www.hospiceoftheupstate.org). Its great to see our Regatta grow to the numbers we see now on a regular basis...thanks to you! Ronnie and I are very proud of what we have accomplished the last couple years. With your help and support, we have raised over \$500k the last 12 years. Help us achieve our 2015 goal either thru racing, donations, cruising or volunteering to help.

If you don't know much about the Hospice of the Upstate, check it out online at [www.Hospicehouse.net](http://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.

My main message today is to recruit our entire membership to help with our Corporate Sponsorships. This is where you come in. Many of us work for large 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. So go ahead and 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 link set up on the Club website at [www.wcsc-sailing.org](http://www.wcsc-sailing.org). Follow the 2015 Hospice link on the left. It will direct you to a page that includes Sponsorship packages including a link to the donation page, information on the event and 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

If you are planning on being a skipper, we will again be holding the Sailing for Others sponsorship program to raise additional funds. Start lining up family and friends to help you in this special challenge. Remember that it can all be done online. We have special plans for the skippers who 'qualify' this year. Last year we gave away an iPad. This year we will give away....ok, start talking to all those co-workers who hit you up at the office and get them prepped to help you qualify.

### 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](mailto:jakreidler@mindspring.com)) or Ronnie Ashmore ([sailtanzer@aol.com](mailto:sailtanzer@aol.com)).

With your help, we look forward to reaching our goal this year.

---

## Want to learn to race? Need a boat? We have a great deal for you....

Have you wanted to learn how to race but don't know where to start? Do you know how to race but don't have a boat? This is your opportunity!

The Centerboard fleet is looking to add new members this year and has boats available to use for the remainder of the 2015 season. We have several boats available with experienced owners who are available to help kick start your racing program. The use of the boats completely free and available for you to use. Here is a list of contact names and boats that are available:

Boat	Contact	Email
Flying Scot 731	John Kreidler	<a href="mailto:jakreidler@mindspring.com">jakreidler@mindspring.com</a>
Lightning 11090	Dennis Baker	<a href="mailto:dkb_4_98@yahoo.com">dkb_4_98@yahoo.com</a>
Force Five	Brian Hampton	<a href="mailto:coldnosedave@gmail.com">coldnosedave@gmail.com</a>
Buccaneer 18	Ronnie Ashmore	<a href="mailto:sailtanzer@aol.com">sailtanzer@aol.com</a>
Highlander	Bruce Busbey	<a href="mailto:sail500@aol.com">sail500@aol.com</a>
MC Scow	Dennis Fisher	<a href="mailto:dcjcfisher@bellsouth.net">dcjcfisher@bellsouth.net</a>

Each of these skippers has multiple years of experience in racing and can help you get up to speed quickly and will mentor you thru the season. How great is that? Free boat? Free advice? Access to the coolest fleet at WCSC? It does not get any better than that.

Contact any of the fleet members above to help you get in a boat and start racing.



## How to Pay Extra in Your Next Quarterly Bill

by RC Po-Lease

Part of what WCSC is about, is racing. The membership is key to supporting the racing events that are scheduled each season. Without our members, it could not happen.

Recently, multiple members did not show up for Race Committee. Not only does this make it hard for the PRO to run races, these members will see a fine in their next club billing. This is not what we want to do...and would much rather see you on the Race Committee.

As part of your membership obligation, each member is required to perform one Race Committee duty during the year. As your date approaches, a couple key items to take into consideration:

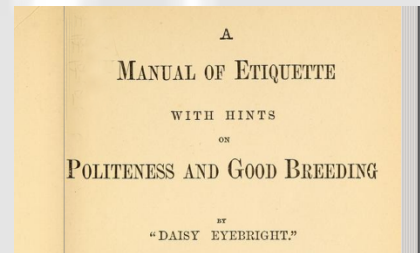
- Each member is responsible for identifying when they are scheduled to perform their respective RC duty. Please look at the schedule on the web site or the calendar that was included in your first quarter bill. The schedule is also published on the web site *and* the back page of the Windsong with each members name who is scheduled for that quarter's races.
- We try to encourage all PRO's (Principle Race Officer) to contact all members prior to their race date. However, this is only a courtesy and is not required. It is *your* responsibility to identify the date that you are scheduled.
- Please arrive at the club no later than two hours before the first race. Race times are published in the Windsong or on the Website, but are typically at 13:00. This means you need to be on the grounds at 11:00. You will meet your PRO either at the RC boat (located on C dock), the race shed or the club house.
- Make sure you bring proper clothing, sunscreen, hat, sunglasses and plenty to drink or eat. You will probably be on the RC boat or Skiff for 3 to 4 hours.
- You don't need to know anything about racing. Your PRO will instruct you on what to do and when to do it. He needs your help to run a good race for the competitors.

Remember, if you are unable to attend it is your responsibility to find a substitute. You can use the Google forum, club Facebook page, or email to find other members who might want to swap race duties. If you do not attend, our club rules have a fine system that will be enforced. Thank you for your support.



### A Lesson in Etiquette

by Mannar Po-Lease



I have often heard that if you cannot say anything good, that it is better to say nothing at all, and while I think it embarrassing to mention this publicly, I feel it necessary.

SHAME on some WCSC members! And I do mean only some, **most** are very well-mannered. This is not a general scolding. It refers to, and is prompted by, some individuals specific behaviors witnessed during the Memorial Day party following our Open House. It's not the first time it's happened and they aren't the only ones to have forgotten their manners recently. Please keep these common courtesies in mind:

- Guests should be shown to the front of the line to be served first. This goes for Open House, regattas, dinner parties, Thanksgiving dinner...anything. I personally saw some members looming *and* glaring from the very front of the line even before all the food was set out!
- 'Seconds' should be requested *only after* all have been served 'firsts'. I heard that several guests and members were unable to get any food at all from the buffet as this courtesy was not followed.

There is no need for perfect etiquette in our relaxed club, but some courtesies are not too much to ask - especially when we are attempting to attract new members!

# Centerboard Fleet Results - 2015 Season

Centerboard Fleet Race No																																							S a i l e d  N u m b e r	A v g  P o n t s	B e s t  1 5					
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	1	1										2																							4	1.25	1.25		
Jen Kafsky							2	2	3																																		3	2.33	2.33	
Steve Kiemele													1	2	2				6	2	3																						6	2.67	2.67	
John Kreidler	2	3	2				10	5	2				2	1	1				3	1	1																						12	2.75	2.75	
Ronnie Ashmore	5	1	5										3	3	5				5	3	4																						9	3.78	3.78	
Derek Lord														5	3				4	5																							4	4.25	4.25	
Dennis Baker	4	6	1				12	4	6										1	4	2																						9	4.44	4.44	
Byron Hicks							3	6	5																																		3	4.67	4.67	
Brian Hampton	1	8	6																																									3	5.00	5.00
Ryan Harder							4	7																																			2	5.50	5.50	
Chris Miro	6	2	3				7						7	9																													6	5.67	5.67	
Chris Kafsky	3	4	4				16	3	4																																		6	5.67	5.67	
Spencer Mathews							5	9	8				4	4	4				8	6	6																						9	6.00	6.00	
Dennis Fisher													6						7	7	5																						4	6.25	6.25	
Rick Fontenot	7	5	7				6	8	7				5	6	6				9	8	7																						12	6.75	6.75	
Allison Fontenot	8	7	9				8	11	9				8	7					10	9	8																						11	8.55	8.55	
Nathan Schultz							9	10																																			2	9.50	9.50	
John Whitehead							11	12																																			2	11.50	11.50	
James Hudson							13																																				1	13.00	13.00	
Brent Benson							16																																				1	16.00	16.00	

## WCSC 2015 BOARD OF STEWARDS

### OFFICERS:

COMMODORE

DEREK LORD

2015

derek.lord.1@hotmail.com

VICE COMMODORE

PAUL ROCK

paulrock61@gmail.com

REAR COMMODORE

WILL DEHART

2016

wpdehart@yahoo.com

TREASURER

TED SAUVAIN

tedsauvain@att.net

SECRETARY

SUSAN WHITEHEAD

2017

wcscsecretary@gmail.com

### STEWARDS:

DAVE VAN EMBURG

dpvanenburg@aol.com

HUGH VANTLEVEN

hughvantleven@aol.com

RICK FONTENOT

cowardlylion@charter.net

KEAT PRUSZENSKI

mississippiwildcat@excite.com

CURT RUBINSTEIN

sloopy5336@gmail.com

DENNIS FISHER

dcjcfisher1@charter.net

<b>Jul</b>	04	TBA	July 4th Party
	07	1900	Board Meeting
	11		Cruise and Beach Party
	11-12		JR Sail Camp
<b>Aug</b>	18-19		JR Sail Camp
	01		Full Moon Night Cruise
	04	1900	Board Meeting
	15	0800	Work Day #4
<b>Sep</b>	01	1000	Board Meeting
	05	1100	WCSC JR Championships
		1800	Labor Day Party
	10		Windsong Deadline
	12		Disabled Sailing Event
	12-13		DIVA Regatta
	17	1900	Beginning Learn to Sail Class
	19	0800	Work Day #4
		0830	Beginning Learn to Sail Class
		1300	Centerboard Fleet Race #8
		1700	Cruise and Sail In Movie
	20	1300	Keelboat Fleet Fall Race/Cruise #1
	24	1900	Beginning Learn to Sail Class
	26	0830	Beginning Learn to Sail Class
		1300	Keelboat Fleet Fall Race/Cruise #2
	27	0830	Beginning Learn to Sail Class
		1300	Centerboard Fleet Race #9

Keat Pruzenski, Hosted by D Dock

Ron Sanga

Ron Sanga

Rear Commodore Will Dehart

PRO and RC support from Junior instructors

Dan Maret, Hosted by A Dock

Lisa Baker

Al Hippensteal

Dacia Schrecengost

Ron Moede

Rear Commodore Will Dehart

Ron Moede

R.Welte, A.Rouse, K.Steck, R.Wolcott, B.Kellet, B.Watkins

Ron Sanga

D.Baker, B.Karlow, K.Schrecengost, C.Miros, J.Rose, J.Kovac

Ron Moede

Ron Moede

D.Maret, T.Bowman, D.Van Emburg, L.Vickery, G.LaPierre, E.Paschke

Ron Moede

J.Martin, B.Knapp, R.Eades, B.J.Leonard, T.Crane, S.Ruark