

The Windsong

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FROM THE COMMODORE

Hello, WCSC!

Can you believe the weather we've been enjoying? Such a perfect spring and early summer for Sailing! It's been such a pleasure to see so many of you at the Club more often this year!

Vice Commodore John Barnard along with the Harbor Committee have been doing an excellent job maintaining our docks. Trent Gamble and Paul Schulz continue to manage our moorings well. Likewise, Rear Commodore Lisa Baker is doing an amazing job coordinating several ongoing club improvements as well as running some very successful and productive workdays. Thank you to all who have shown up for Fair Share to support your Rear Commodore and the Club!

Our membership level is growing. Currently we're at 222 members, which is a Club high since 2016! We continue to see the Adult Learn to Sail program succeed in not only spreading the gospel of sailing, but also exposing the students to all that is WCSC, and as a result, many of them are becoming members of the Club.

Sometime in late July, the American Sailing Association Site evaluator will be at the Club. We are now one step closer to becoming an ASA Certified Affiliate & School of Sailing.

This summer offers another round of Friday Night Dinghy races, as well as several Saturday evening races designed to invite everyone to come out and race. The Saturday night series has been assigned Race Committee Staff, so please come on out, participate, and don't let these RC assignments be wasted.

Don't be a stranger! I hope to see you at WCSC soon!

Tim Crane

SUMMER RACING

By Alex Bolan

Hello everyone and happy summer! As many of you hopefully know, we are fully in the swing of fun summer sailing!

Every other Friday is Friday Night Dingy Racing, which is geared for those of you who want to learn more about racing and just enjoy yourselves. There is guaranteed fun, pizza, and beer! It's a great way to relax at the end of the week.

The opposite weekends of Friday Night Dingy Racing, there are Saturday evening races. These nights are geared for everyone, whether you're on a keelboat, centerboard boat, or a dinghy. The races are done as a pursuit style start with a simple course. Our first ever Saturday night race was held on June 15, with a great turnout of 8 boats of all different varieties. With temps in the 80s, low humidity, and a strong, steady breeze, it's safe to say a good time was had by everyone- perhaps most of all by Rick Fontenot, who took home the bullet, followed by George Masson in 2nd and Alison Fontenot picking up 3rd.

Don't let your sailing skills get rusty over these hot summer months. Beat the heat by spending some weekend evenings on the water, and you'll be in great shape when the fall season rolls around!

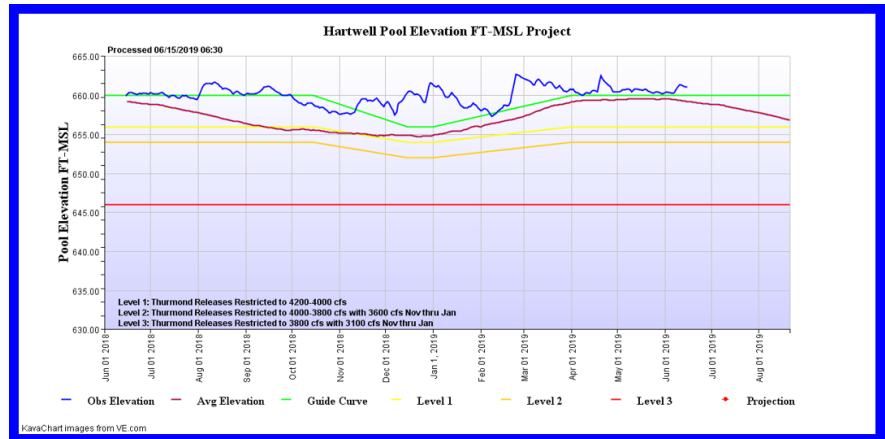
Welcome to the 3rd quarter of 2019! I hope that everyone has been having a great year and have been getting to the Club and getting involved!

The spring racing seasons have finished up and we've rolled right into Friday Night Dinghy Night! New this year is a Saturday night impromptu series for everybody on ANY boat! Check the website calendar for more details and come on out and play. I hear there are some loaner boats available for Friday Night Dinghy nights if you want to try that and relearn how to do capsize drills! Again, check the website!

The Board of Stewards continue to meet monthly taking care of the business of the club. The meetings are open to the membership, so if you're ever interested, come join us on the first Tuesday of the month!

The rain has slowed down (maybe?) but the lake levels are still up. The lake is currently at 661.14 (as of June 15, 2019). For the record, that's only 0.24 feet below where it was in March. Rain is a good thing. As you can see from the graphic below it's still above the "Guide Curve" that the Corps uses to manage the levels and flows within the basin. Based upon the below, it appears we are on track to stay pretty full for the foreseeable future. Time to go sailing!

All that being said, Dock Captains: pay attention to the level and adjust cables as necessary. Members with boats on moorings should also pay close attention to the level as well. Please let me or the appropriate person know if you need help!



So, that's what's been going on so far. Now I'm going to ask for some help (you knew that was coming).

- If you're the last person in the clubhouse, please make sure the front and back doors are CLOSED. If you're not sure, check, then shut the doors anyway.
- If you use a tool, a hose or anything else, please, please, please put it back correctly – which is potentially different than how you found it.
- Check your boat registrations. If they are out, get them up to date. I have been told that SC DNR will be coming by to check and will have a ticket book handy. Just remember that South Carolina REQUIRES small boats to be registered as well. They should all have an SC DNR sticker on them as instructed. This is not a registration number per se, but it is still required.
- Dock Captains, please keep dock rosters up to date and posted at the head of the dock.
- If you see something that needs attention, please let one of the Board members know. My contact info is below.

One more thing: I understand that PFD usage is entirely up to the Captain, except as noted below (From SCDNR Website).

Personal Flotation Devices (PFDs)

All boats must have a US Coast Guard-approved wearable type PFD for each person on board or being towed. Each PFD must be in good condition, readily available and the proper size for the intended wearer. In addition, boats 16 feet in length or longer must carry a Type IV throwable device. In South Carolina, any person under twelve years of age must wear a US Coast Guard approved Type I, II, III, or V PFD when on board a class "A" (less than 16 ft. long) boat.

So, please think about using your PFDs when out on the lake. I know that the racing crowd here has a tendency to wear them while racing but I would suggest you consider wearing one anytime you're out on the water. Not trying to be a pain, but think about it.

There, my PSA for the day!

I hope to see more of you at the Club as the summer and fall progresses. There are several events coming up, so come on out and enjoy your club. If you haven't done it yet, please check and update your personal information on the webpage. That will help us stay in touch with club updates and events!

If you see issues that require attention, please reach out to me. See everyone soon! Get out and go sailing!

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FROM THE REAR COMMODORE

Hello WCSC!

The Ladies Forum on April 28 has turned into a Ladies Committee! It was well-attended and we even had former member (she was a kid at the time, but still) Martine Zurinskas attend as well. She is the current Secretary for the Board of US Sailing, had great input, and has offered to help get this committee off the ground in any way she can. Allison Fontenot and Andrea Lehmann have volunteered to be co-chairs of this new committee. One final thing I want to do regarding the Ladies Forum is ask all the women of the club that want to be in the loop to please send me, Allison or Andrea your email address. We can also give you your own login to the website if you'd like.

One of the main topics that came up at the forum was safety. Martine showed me the emergency "card" that her club uses in the event of an emergency. It had a lot of good information, so I changed it up to suit our area. You can find it with this Windsong. I recommend laminating it and keeping it on your boat. I will also place it in the clubhouse and mainland head.

Speaking of safety, a safety inspection is done every month at the club by our Safety and Security Committee. This past month, it was noted that in Camper Village, three, yes THREE different A/C units were running in campers whose owners were not present. It's a relatively recent privilege to even have air conditioning in Camper Village and so far this year, the electric bill is \$800 over what it was last year. Not all of that is Camper Village, but I'm willing to bet a good chunk is. Since Camper Village splits their portion of the electric bill every year, I hope you will remind your neighbor to cut their A/C off when they leave.

My call for a new Fair Share Administrator was answered by McCall Ginsberg and we are in the process of making the Fair Share rules less confusing. While I'm on the subject though, the rules state that at least one family member should be plugged into a committee. To do this, go to the website and after you've logged in, go to Our Story/Club Information for a list of chairpersons, or go to Our Story/Committees for more detailed information. Once you've decided how you want to be involved, contact the chairperson of the committee you'd like to join.

I'm sure many of you have noticed that we have a squirrel issue. We can't shoot them, humane traps would have to be monitored daily, and falconry is impractical for various reasons. If anyone has other ideas, we'd sure like to hear them.

Last but not least: workdays. I made the brilliant decision to cancel Workday #3 because it called for pouring down rain and then of course, it didn't. Which means I now have a to-do list a mile long. If you are looking for fair share hours, here's a few of the projects we need done:

- Frost proof hydrants – we really, really need this fix for the mainland head water spigot situation.
- Bury the water hose in conduit from the frost proof hydrant on pop-up camper road to the garage.
- Putting the finishing touches on lopping.

I'm just an email or text away if you have any questions, concerns or ideas. See you at the club!

Lisa Baker
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NEW GATE CODES COMING SOON

Hello Everyone,

If you haven't already noticed, the new keypad is in place at the entrance gate. Within the next month, you will receive your new personalized code in the mail. This code will be unique to you, and it will not change. The code will be effective as soon as you receive it in the mail. Any questions can be directed to Chris Miros at Christopher.miros@gmail.com.



2019 HOSPICE REGATTA

By John Kreidler and Ronnie Ashmore

Hello WCSC!

It's that time again! The 2019 Hospice Regatta is scheduled for October 11-13, and it's time for the emails and notices of what is going on to begin- all with information about how you can help us achieve our goal for 2019.

Speaking of goals, our 2019 Hospice Regatta goal is \$80,000. Although we had a great Regatta last year, we came up a little short of our goal. But let's now worry about the past...let's start planning how we are going to bust through the \$80k this year. And we can't do it without you.

Ronnie and I are very proud of what we all have accomplished the last couple years. With your help and support, Hospice has raised over \$850,000 through our Regatta. Help us achieve our 2019 goal either through racing, donating, cruising or volunteering to help. If you are reading this and have not participated and you have a boat, we have many courses and sailing that you can come out and enjoy...stress free! I would love to see all the boats on the docks come out and enjoy the distance races or cruises. Invite your friends and family and help us reach our goal.

If you don't know much about the Hospice of the Upstate, you can check it out online at www.hospiceoftheupstate.com. They have a fabulous facility with 27 patient rooms dedicated toward quality end of life care. This is a charity that Ronnie and I feel especially attached to as we both have had Hospice experience in the past. As we approach the 2019 event, keep in mind that your donations directly help someone get quality care that can't afford it. Everything you donate and raise has a purpose of supporting members of our community that need Hospice care. It's a great cause.

We are working on setting up new software to help us with the fundraising and should have the links and details ready soon. We will be adding more information to the club website as it comes available.

There are a couple other areas where you can help.

Sailing for Others

We will again be holding this special sponsorship challenge to help raise funds. If you are planning on being a skipper, we are running the Sailing for Others sponsorship program. 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 participants who 'qualify' this year, so start planning your attack on being a qualified Sailing For Others fundraiser. Remember, anyone can be part of the program whether you skipper a boat, crew on a boat, and even if you can't attend, but just want to help us reach our goal.

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).

Once again, with the unwavering support from you all and from WCSC, we look forward to reaching our goal this year.

John and Ronnie



Saturday August 31st After Sunset

Bring your chairs and blankets, we are going to have a movie night out on the lawn of the clubhouse for our Labor Day Party.

We will not be serving dinner but will have popcorn, snowcones, and other assorted treats for the movie.

Bring your family and friends for a fun evening.

*IN CASE IT RAINS, WE WILL MOVE THE MOVIE INSIDE.

**REGISTRATION IS NOT REQUIRED BUT WOULD BE APPRECIATED.



RANTINGS AND MUSINGS

By Lisa Baker

We have a problem that we need ALL members to help solve. If you are working in the kitchen and throw food away, at the end of the evening, clean everything up and take whatever trash is in there outside to the big cans- even if it's just half a bag. We've had enough people leave their trash and sometimes even food on the counter (are you kidding me!?) for the week, and now we have mice that are having to be exterminated. A huge thanks to the dedicated NEW members that cleaned up Friday night because there were fruit flies everywhere from rancid trash. They were the ones to unfortunately find the evidence of mice. Then on Saturday, we had two members clean the entire kitchen during the workday- a huge thank you to them too. I'm sure they had to go home and shower.

Hired Killers, our exterminator, will be there this week to get rid of the mice and we will have to clean the entire kitchen all over again once the mice are gone. Leaving food out in the clubhouse overnight is unacceptable. Remind each other, chastise each other, and tell them Rear Commodore Baker is coming after them if they leave it overnight. It's not the poor critters' fault- they are just hungry! It's our fault for not being good stewards of our clubhouse and failing to treat it like we would our own home.

While I'm at it, every Friday is trash day. The trash truck has been upgraded to a new-fangled machine that inserts a metal arm into a specific slot of each trash can, picks it up and dumps it in. No people needed. However, if the cans aren't correctly lined up on the side of the road, they will not be emptied. So if you roll a trash can over to your area, be sure to put it back where it was and make sure it is lined up for pickup. Also, do not put trash NEXT to the trash can, as it will not get picked up. Poking out of the top of the can is perfectly fine, but if it doesn't fit, you'll need to dispose of it yourself.

Finally, trash cans should only be on the front porch for events and should always be rolled back to the curb so they can be picked up.

Violators to any of these aforementioned instructions will be prosecuted. Haha, just kidding. Kinda.

Rant over.



NATIONAL HOSPICE REGATTA

After winning his fleet at the WCSC Hospice Regatta last October, Chris Kafsky's name was drawn to represent the club at the National Hospice Regatta in Charleston this June. Crewing for him were Nathan Shultz, who was on board with Chris for their victory last October, and John Kreidler. Teams came from all over the country to participate in the regatta, sailing in J-22s offered by the College of Charleston.

There were four races on Friday, three on Saturday, and after going out on Sunday, the remaining races were called off due to lack of wind. Chris and his team finished fourth overall. Way to represent, gentlemen!!



WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

By Spencer Mathews

The Cox family has joined our ranks. Mom, Cristen Cox, attended a new member orientation on May 16. Jim Snowden gave Cristen a tour of the grounds and he and I will serve as the family's sponsors/mentors. Cristen has done some single-handed sailing (in a Hunter 216, no less) on Lake Murray and has sailed Hobies on occasion. She is attracted not only by the opportunity to get back into sailing, but also by the fact that we're a family-oriented club and have a rich calendar of gathering occasions from sail camp to the social events that we host. Cristen is an analyst with Met Life. Her husband, Robert owns CPS Integrations. They have four children: Hamilton Cox, who's 17; Deacon Cox, who's 15, Marnie Baxter, who's 14, and Brian Cox, who's 8. Watch out, Junior Sail Camp. The Cox's don't have a boat yet, so be sure to offer them a ride on yours so they can get the feel for the kind of boat that would best suit their needs.

I also have the privilege of introducing six additional new members who joined our ranks at an orientation at the club on June 2. Marcela Benavides recently moved to our area from up north. Originally she's from Mexico and has experience sailing dinghies and especially Lasers. Back home, she also instructed junior sailors in Optimists and Lasers. At present, she has no boat of her own and plans to make use of the club's light boats. She looks forward to being a member of a group that loves sailing as she does and hopes to get involved in racing and learning to sail keelboats. She is a P3 Group consultant. The Hills and I are her sponsors.

Jolie Gaston once had a Catalina 27, so she's not without experience either. She'd like to get better and even earn her captain's license. She already has several friends at the club. Her sponsors are Rachel Bowman and Cap'n. Dan. She also has some fundraising experience and is available to help in that capacity in the regattas that we sponsor for Hospice and for Safe Harbor. She is retired from DMH and is a former counselor. She's interested in sailing keelboats and participating in the cruising fleet activities.

Tyler Knight and Kristen Disciascio joined almost immediately after completing Ron Moede's course at the club. They will sail a Hobie 16. He's a mechanical engineer and she teaches high school. They were attracted not only by their affection for sailing but also by the idea of being members of a group that shares their interest and from whom they can continue to learn. Ron is one of their sponsors. I am the other.

Marisabel Marratt and Kreg Thornley came for a tour of the club on the Saturday of our Memorial Day party. Marisabel sailed regularly in her youth on Barnegat Bay, NJ. Kreg completed the ASA 101 course in basic keelboats, but they have not gotten a boat yet. They are also kayakers, but they'd like to refresh their knowledge base by sailing the club's light boats and participating in the cruising fleet activities so as to get rides on a variety of keelboats before deciding on one for themselves. They met the Commodore at the party and he has agreed to serve as one of their sponsors. I am the other.

The McKee family- David, Heidi, Ireland, Keana, and Pierce- comes to us from Roswell, GA. They have an interesting background in that they spent six months cruising both coasts of Florida in an F/27 Corsair trimaran (Unscripted) – which they will be bringing to the club. David is a computer programmer and has professional training and offshore experience as a sailor.

Brian and Debbie Strauch live near us in Anderson. He's a retired funeral director and she designs jewelry. They are novice sailors, but are ultimately looking for a keelboat. First they'd like to get rides on a variety of boats so that, like Marisabel and Kreg, they can better judge what boat will best suit their preferences.

Lastly, two new families joined our ranks at an orientation at the club on June 15. One twosome had just completed Ron Moede's adult sailing class. They are Heather Vosburgh and Walter Crooks. Ron is one of their sponsors and I am the other. Heather is a pilot for Eaglemed and grew up sailing, but has been away from it for a while. Walter describes himself as a beginner. He's an administrator for the South Carolina Connections Academy. They were impressed with Ron's class and with the facilities our club has to offer and they really liked everyone they met at the club. As with several other of our recent new members, they don't have a boat yet – so take them for a sail with you in order that they can experience the characteristics of different kinds of boat before they get to the stage of making a choice for themselves.

The second family is Monique Ravesloot who, as I understand it, grew up in Holland, and Mark Russell, along with their nine-year-old son, Finn. They purchased Eric Seymour's West Wight Potter 19, now named De helleeg, and Finn is a candidate for Junior Sail Camp. Monique has sailed before, but they describe their level as basic and hope to be with others who enjoy sailing so they can improve their skills. Monique works with Equineflow – an organization that brings together folks with an interest in riding and specially trained horses, with the goal of helping the riders mature. Eric is one of their sponsors and I am the other.

Make sure these folks know we're glad to have them aboard. Invite them for a ride on your boat if a convenient occasion arises. It's gradually become apparent to me that one of the good things about joining a sailing club is that you have the opportunity to sail in a variety of boats before making a purchase decision. That can save a lot of money, so help all our new folks get some experience in that way. Even with a record number of days sans rain, the recent showers have kept our lake above full pond. This morning's Corps report gave it as 661.16. Let's hope our luck holds. Looks like a great summer in prospect. See you on the water.

NEW MEMBERS THIS QUARTER



The Cox Family:
Front row – Deacon, Brian, Marnie.
Back row – Hamilton, Cristen.



**Kristen Disciascio
and Tyler Knight**



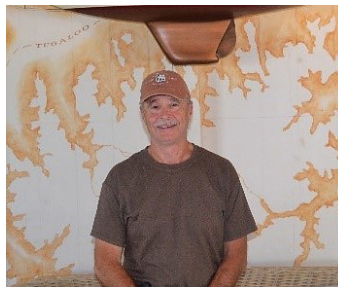
**Kreg Thornley and
Marisabel Marratt**



**Keana, Heidi, David, Ireland,
and Pierce McKee**



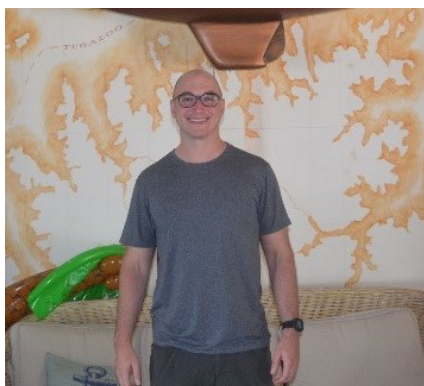
Marcela Benavides



Brian Strauch



Jolie Gaston



Walter Crooks



Monique Raveslout

JUNIOR SAIL CAMP

By Joe Martin

Happy Summer Time!

By the time you read this it will be time for Junior Camp 2019. Orientation sessions were successfully held on June 8 and June 22. As always, we have a great group of sailors participating this year.

Thank you to all the volunteers that make this successful each year. We (the kids) really appreciate all the assistance. It wouldn't happen without you all.

The full schedule of camp and lots of communication can be accessed at: wcscsailcamp.com.

Regular camp dates are the weekends of:

- July 13-14 (0900-1530 each day) Meet in the clubhouse at the start and end of each day
- July 20-21 (0900-1530 each day) Meet in the clubhouse at the start and end of each day

Advanced camp will be running for five days:

- July 17-21 (1000-1500 each day) Meet in the clubhouse at the start and end of each day

Remember to bring your PFD that you wore during orientation. Bring plenty of sunscreen and use it. Hats and sunglasses are recommended. Shoes or tevas that can get wet are a great option for feet on the docks and in the boats.

We are looking forward to another great time at sail camp.

See you all soon!



Atlanta Yacht Club April 13-14
Junior Olympic Sailing Festival

Lake Norman Yacht Club April 27-28
Junior Race City 400 REGATTA *D12Laser*

James Island Yacht Club - June 15-16
OPEN Regatta Jr Course

Hobcaw Yacht Club - July 13-14
57th Annual Open Regatta *D12Laser*

Carolina Yacht Club NC - August 3-4
SAYRA Open *D12 Laser/Grand Prix Laser*

Beaufort Yacht & Sailing Club - September 14-15
Jr Pluff Mud Regatta

Augusta Sailing Club - October 12-13
Halloween Regatta

Columbia Sailing Club - November 2-3
Midlands Regatta *D12 Laser*

Series Awards given at the SAYRA Meeting in January 2020

1 Salt Water // 1 Fresh Water Requirement & Best 3 of 5

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IN MEMORIAM

Longtime club member Tom Belfield passed away in May. Tom battled kidney failure and spent his last year on dialysis while living with his friends (and fellow members) Dr. Bob Klassen and Carol Johnson in Gainesville, GA. Bob bought his Helms 27 from Tom years ago and they remained friends until the end.

Tom lived in the restored cotton gin at the entrance to the club where he ran a small Bed and Breakfast. He served our club well with early repairs to the clubhouse and flipping burgers at the annual Hospice Regatta. He passed peacefully with his friends and family by his side.



CENTERBOARD FLEET

The spring racing season has come to a conclusion and we had good turn out for all of the race days except for one. The Fleet Beer showed up for that one but no one else did. We tried something new this spring: the last race was a distance course and by what I could tell the competitors all had fun with it. It was a five-mile course around government marks in front of the club, with seven boats competing. It was a real slow start but once we made it to S21, the winds picked up and stayed with us through the end. There were some beats, some reaches and some runs. The winds shifted several times as we entered different parts of the course. This kind of race gave us a chance to work on other sailing skills besides windward/leeward racing.

The main goal I have in driving the Centerboard Fleet is to go out and have fun with like-minded people and have cool adventures while creating new stories to tell at the after-party. We can race each other but still help each other become better sailors. You can take two identical boats, tune them the same, put the same crew weight in them, and when they race, the team that makes the least amount of mistakes wins. The beauty of a mixed fleet is you get to see how other boats sail and sometimes you can take what you see and adapt it to your own boat design to create a new technique that puts you ahead in the next event.

When we get on the water for a race it is all about having fun and building our sailing skills. But for us to have fun on the water there are some rules of racing that we need to adhere to in order to prevent boat damage or someone getting hurt. Some years back, Steve Kiemele came up with an outline for a racing orientation class he gave that I would like take some excerpts from.

Primary Rules:

1. Port tack boats keep clear of starboard tack boats
2. Windward boats keep clear of leeward boats (when overlapped). Leeward boats may luff windward boats head to wind before start signal, to close-hauled afterward. Windward boats must be given room and opportunity to keep clear.
3. Overtaking boats keep clear of boats ahead
4. Right of way boats must maneuver so that the burdened boat may keep clear
5. Room at marks— inside boats have room to pass if overlapped at 3 boat lengths (port inside boats have no rights at windward mark)
6. Proper side of the starting line – You may not be on the course side (OCS) of the starting line when the starting signal occurs.
7. Penalties (at first opportunity – but, you have no rights during penalty)
8. OCS – return to proper side of the starting line (either dip or around an end)
9. Touching mark – one 360° turn (one tack and one gybe in either order)
10. Right of way infractions – two 360° turns (two tacks and two gybes)
11. Downwind, gybe first; upwind, tack first.

Basic Strategy:

1. Sail in clear air
2. Start upwind one-third end of the line, but not at the very end.
3. Sail in stronger breeze, especially in light air. In stronger breeze, favorable angles toward the next mark are most important. In lighter breeze, wind velocity is most important.
4. Sail first on the favored tack or gybe. If forced to tack, get back on the favored tack.
5. Avoid the corners of the course
6. Stay with or cover the fleet (Cover = stay between competition and next mark)
7. Sail to the shift upwind- if wind shift is predicted, sail upwind on the side to which the wind is predicted to shift.
8. Sail away from the shift downwind- if wind shift is predicted, sail downwind on the side from which the wind is predicted to shift.
9. Have crew call mark angles (clock positions) and starboard boats (when on port) – helmsperson concentrates on boat speed.
10. Don't yell and have fun.

Basic Tactics:

1. Sail for “velocity made good” (VMG) - cover the most distance in as short a time as possible, not the most direct route or fastest boat speed.



CENTERBOARD FLEET CONT.

There is more, but I think this gives you an idea of the basics of fun racing. I would like to promote a gentleman and gentlewoman style of racing where it isn't blood sport, there is no angry yelling and we help each other achieve our best. The Friday Dinghy Night series has started; this is where you can come out in a low pressure environment to see what this racing is about. We sail a fleet of boats that are very close in ratings so the finishes are close. The races are about 15 min in length and we help each other on the course with encouragement. After we have fun on the water we come in, break down the boats and have a pizza party on the back deck of the clubhouse. It was a big success last year and if the first night was any indication of what's in store for us this year, it's going to be awesome. Come out and join us at the club on Friday Dinghy Night every other Friday Night starting June 7th. If you want to join us but don't have a boat, get in touch with me before the event and we will find you a boat. Come out and play with us, you won't regret it.

See you on the water.

Eric Seymour FS-4086
Fleet Captain – Centerboard Fleet

KEELBOAT FLEET

The 2019 Spring Racing season concluded with 14 of 16 scheduled races in A fleet and 8 of 16 scheduled races in B fleet (lack of competitors causing some to be cancelled).

In A fleet, Marc Bailey (Melges 24) won as usual but with George Masson close behind sailing his Ultimate 24. Chuck Ballew (Ultimate 20) took third place and Vice Commodore John Barnard took fourth place. Prior to high scores being discarded, Chuck and John were tied in the standings.

In B fleet, Keelboat fleet newcomer (but long-time club member) Hugh Vantleven took first place with his Hunter 25.5. Congratulations, Hugh! John Gulyas took second place with his Holder 20. Prior to discarded races, Hugh and John were tied but having sailed more races, Hugh had more scores to discard. Great to see such tight competition.

The Keelboat Fleet races 12 days per year, 6 days in a spring season from March to June and 6 days in a fall season from September to November. The initial spring and final fall race days are scheduled as distance events around government buoys. On the other days, 3 races around inflatable marks are scheduled with an intended duration of 45 minutes each. At 11:30 am, we have the competitors' meeting in the main parking lot 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 curated by the Fleet Beverage Consultant), and "stories."

Our fleet by-laws and sailing instructions can be found on the club website under "Club Documentation, Keelboat Fleet Documentation." We sail under US Sailing's Performance Handicap Racing Formula (PHRF) where inherently faster boats (based on boat design, not sailor 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 inherently faster 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 own a keelboat, come out on a race day and give it a try. If you like it, you can join later. "Cruisers" are welcome to participate and will be given their own start if they desire. If you have interest in crewing, contact me and I'll try to find you a ride.

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DIVA REGATTA WRAP-UP

By Dacia Schrecengost



Saturday May 4, 2019 was a great day at WCSC! We had 26 boats on the water for the Distance Course and 4 Juniors out racing around the point. We had a total of 170 participants, volunteers, and sponsors out that weekend. We also had about twelve ladies on various boats who had never been sailing before.

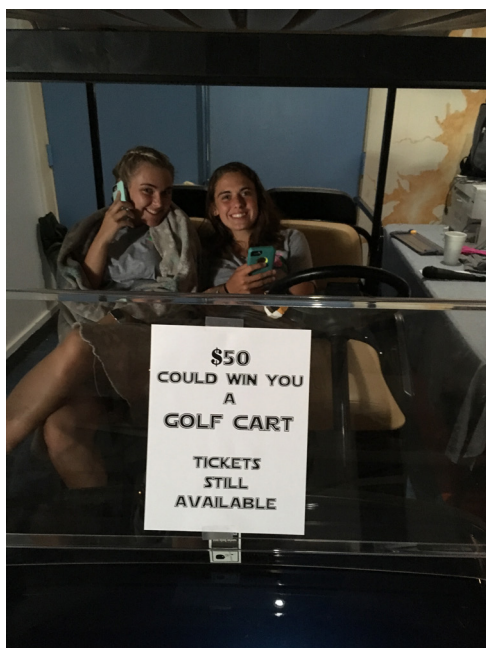
The most exciting part is that Safe Harbor raised \$26,777 through the WCSC Diva Regatta. That is almost \$7,000 more than the 2019 goal and \$10,000 more than was raised last year.

We had to get creative with our awards this year, due to a massive storm coming through in the middle of the afternoon, causing the race to be abandoned so that everyone could get back safely. Plenty of fun was still had back at the clubhouse thanks to our DJ, Nantahala Beer on Tap, the Ruarks' famous daiquiris, mermaids and so much more.

For those who didn't attend or have social media, the winner of the Golf Cart was Chris Zofchak from Ohio. Sorry for all those that hoped to win, but just save up for next year I believe we will have another one.

I am in awe of how the Diva Regatta is continuing to build in support and participation from more than just WCSC but also sailors from OH, GA, FL, NC and all over the Upstate.

Thank you all for your support, and mark your calendar for next year : May 2, 2020 Diva Regatta!



July	4	1200	July 4th Red, White and Blue Cruise	Cruising Fleet
		1900	July 4th Party	AnnaKay Lord
	5	1830	Friday Night Dingy Races	Eric Seymour
	6	1800	PHRF/CenterBoard Summer Race 3	Alex Bolan
	9	1900	Board Meeting	BDS Monthly meeting held at Clubhouse
	13-14		JR Sail Camp	Patrick Hopp and Joe Martin
	19	1830	Friday Night Dingy Races	Eric Seymour
	20-21	1830	JR Sail Camp	Patrick Hopp and Joe Martin
	27	1800	PHRF/CenterBoard Summer Race 4	Alex Bolan
Aug	2	1830	Friday Night Dingy Races	Eric Seymour
	6	1900	Board Meeting	BDS Monthly meeting held at Clubhouse
	10	0800	Work Day #5	Rear Commodore Lisa Baker
		1100	Pre Party Cruise	Cruising Fleet
		1800	C Dock Party	Bud Bush, hosted by C Dock
		1800	PHRF/CenterBoard Summer Race -5	Alex Bolan
	16	1830	Friday Night Dingy Races	Eric Seymour
	24	1100	Island Cruise with Dinner and Movie	Cruising Fleet
		1800	PHRF/CenterBoard Summer Race -6	Alex Bolan
	31	1100	Pre Labor Day Party cruise	Cruising Fleet
		1800	Labor Day Party	Anna Kay Lord
	31-1	1100	WCSC JR Championships	PRD and RC support from Junior instructors
Sept	3	1900	Board Meeting	BDS Monthly meeting held at Clubhouse
	12	1800	Learn to Sail Class	Ron Moede, Class room Anderson University
	14	0830	Learn to Sail Class	Ron Moede, On the water
		1100	Pirate's Booty Adventure with Cookout and Movie	Cruising Fleet
		1300	Keelboat Fleet Fall PHRF Race #1	FISHER, Dennis, Basil Karlow, Keith Schrecengost, James Mann, Tyler Mink, Gary Stansell
	15		Windsong Deadline	Karen Miro
		0830	Learn to Sail Class	Ron Moede- On the Water
		1300	Centerboard Fleet Fall Race 7	HUTSDON, Art, Louis Toffaletti, Richard Wolcott, Greg Torrisi, Don Sawicki, Dan Marrett III, Ted Haynie
	19	1800	Learn to Sail Class	Ron Moede, -Classroom
	21	0830	Learn to Sail Class	Ron Moede- On the Water
		1100	Farewell to Summer. Island Cruise w/dinner and Movie	Cruising Fleet
		1300	Centerboard Fleet Fall Race 8	HARDER, Paul, Paul Hughes, Keat Pruszenski, Jeny Kerscher, Tony Bolan, Trent Gamble
	22	0830	Learn to Sail Class	Ron Moede- On the Water
		1300	Keelboat Fleet Fall PHRF Race #2	SHERMAN, ED, Charlie Lord, Charles Curry, Jim Hudson, Mathew Burns, Graham Lawrence
	26	1800	Learn to Sail Class	Ron Moede- Classroom
	28	0830	Learn to Sail Class	Ron Moede- On the Water
		1300	Keelboat Fleet Fall PHRF Race 3	BAKER, Lisa, Allison Fontenot, Mel Sinclair, David Lent, Dave Ruth, William Stephenson
	29	1300	Centerboard Fleet Fall Race 9	MARTIN, Joe, Rob Eades, B.J. Leonard, Tim Crane, Steven Ruark, LeLand Tucker



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