

The Windsong

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FROM THE COMMODORE

Hello WCSC!

Well, we've put another wonderful WCSC Summer into the books! Believe it or not, it's October & the Fall Racing series has already begun! To be honest, I was struggling with what to write about in this final article for the Windsong. So this morning I went sailing. It wasn't a very exciting sail, the breeze was only 4-5kts. But that time with and on my boat, Pearl, - that time I spent on the water with that light breeze - the peace & tranquility - replenished my heart & soul (yea sounds a bit sappy, but needed to share the moment).

Anyway, we've got a lot coming up - like HOSPICE 2019. Have you registered for the Sailing for Others? The Sailing for Others initiative is a great way for everyone in the Club to participate in this event - whether you actually race or not. Your boat doesn't even have to leave the dock! Register your boat, then ask friends, family & co-workers to be your sponsors. It's that easy. Remember they can't say NO if you don't ask. If you still decide not to register your boat, then please consider sponsoring one of our member boats that did sign up for the event.

Coming on November 2nd is the Bloody Mary Thistle Regatta. We always have a great group of sailors- come on out and socialize with them if nothing else!

We're still working through the details on our designation as an ASA Affiliate & Sailing School; I'm sure John & Lisa will continue working on this goal into the future and will keep you all updated.

As you are aware, we've implemented the new Gate Entry and Code system. So far, I've heard little feedback, so I hope it's working well for all of you. We'll be relocating the old keypad to a spot inside the gate soon.

Look for John Kreidler's write-up on our new Billing System inside the Windsong. Lots of changes going on there!

Lastly, I'd like to take a moment to say a big thank you to so many who have been so supportive over the last 3 years, whether rolling up their sleeves to pitch in, or providing counsel on potential projects around the Club. It's been an honor to serve WCSC and my WCSC family.

Looking forward to Seeing you at the Club soon!

Tim Crane



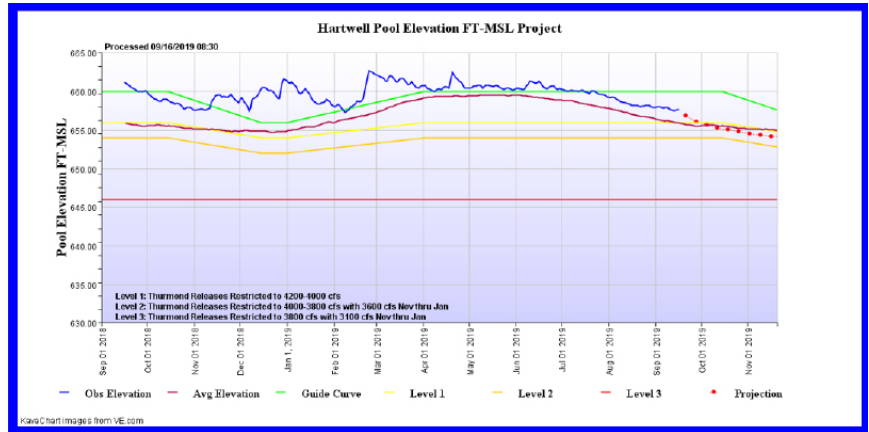
Welcome to the last quarter of 2019! I hope that everyone is still having a great year and have been getting to the Club and getting involved!

The summer racing was pretty successful this summer with the Friday Dinghy Nights leading the charge. I understand the Saturday PHRF series had some issues, but still not bad for the first year trying to get more people out on the water. I expect both of these series will take place again next summer!

The fall racing series got under way in September and I have to say, it was good to get back to racing! It's mid-September as I write this, so, as we all know, it has not cooled off much yet... but we're hopeful! I'm looking forward to some spectacular fall weather and sailing.

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!

As wet as it was early in the year, rain has apparently stopped around here, and lake levels are slowly falling. This is typical this time of year, but still, it sure was nice to have a full lake for so long! The lake is currently at 657.65 (as of September 16, 2019). While that's below full pool, it's still not too bad for this time of year. Maybe we'll get some more rain this fall (preferably at night, during the week!). The graphic here shows the lake level slowly going down as the year goes on, but let's hope it doesn't go down too far!



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!

Looking forward, we still have lots of activity to come before the end of the year:

- Centerboard fleet races - come on out and grab a club Laser or Sunfish and race!
- Keelboat fleet races – the fleet welcomes everybody with a keelboat. If you don't have a boat or don't want to remove the 17 speakers and cupholders from the cockpit, show up and get on one of the fleet boats!
- Hospice Regatta: The premier event of the sailing season, a 2-day regatta helping Hospice of the Upstate raise money for their programs. Great people, fun racing, awesome barbecue, and a beer trailer. What else do I need to say? Hospice's goal this year is \$85,000, so come on out and support a great cause. Even if you don't race, buy some party tickets and come enjoy the festivities!
- The annual meeting in November. Come on out and support the club.
- And finally, (technically next year, but who's counting?) the Frost Bite Series kicks off January 1 with the Commodore's Cup. Come work off the results of your New Year's Eve partying by sailing. What better way to start the year off right?

And as usual, please help me out with the following:

- Keep your registrations up-to-date
- Keep your equipment maintained and neat
- Make sure your equipment has a Club Sticker on it as required by the Rules. This really helps us out if we need to get in touch with you about your boat.
- 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.

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. I hope to see more of you at the Club as we move towards the end of the year! Get out and go Sailing!

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FROM THE REAR COMMODORE

For the times they are a-changin'. This phrase was going through my head as I was thinking about what to put in my Rear Commodore article. I had to look up where I heard it and wasn't surprised it was a song by Bob Dylan— my dad had music going all the time when I was growing up. As I'm sure many of you have heard, the club is moving to a new billing system with a local accountant in Anderson, SC, in preparation for the well-deserved and overdue retirement of Mary Ann Caldwell.

It's not going to be easy- gone are the days you will be able to call her up and make your equipment changes. Forget about writing a quick note on your bill as you send in your payment, letting her know you did your fair share hours. No more stopping by her house, making payments or handing over forms (though I'm pretty sure she's ok with you stopping by to say hello).

The New Billing System Team, along with your flag officers and a few other members, have been working diligently to put in place the new processes to handle the zillion things Mary Ann has done for the past 37 years. There will be new rules and regulations, better utilization of our website and its capabilities, and even a bylaws change that will be voted on at the annual meeting in November. Look for more information elsewhere in this Windsong, in special mailings, and on the website in the coming months.

Moving on to normal rear commodore stuff, I am looking for help on three committees. First, I would like to have someone in charge of making sure the equipment we have is in running order before workdays. This equipment includes chainsaws, weed eaters and a lawn mower. The time put in to keep them running obviously qualifies for fair share hours. If this is up your alley, shoot me an email with your resume. Haha, just kidding, but prior experience is a must.

I'm also looking for additional help on the House Committee. It's too big of a job for one person. This includes the care, maintenance and management of the clubhouse and the mainland head, purchasing supplies, enforcing the rules of using the clubhouse and making recommendations to the Board of Stewards for renovations and improvement projects. The work you do maintaining the clubhouse also counts as fair share hours. Let me know if this is something you would be interested in and I will get you in touch with Chairman Scooter Marett.

Lastly, I am looking for help with the Dry Storage Committee. This will count towards fair share in 2020 with the implementation of the new billing system and its procedures. Dry storage will now have 'dock captains' that will be responsible for their individual areas of dry storage. Why, you ask? At last count, dry storage has 168 boats with trailers and over 100 other pieces of equipment (dinghys, empty trailers, pop up campers, etc.) to monitor, currently with one person doing all the work. Compare that to docks and moorings that have 7 people monitoring 109 boats. A little crazy, eh? I need at least 4 people who frequent the club regularly and are willing to monitor sections of dry storage on a quarterly basis. This includes the Chairperson, who will coordinate all of dry storage, and three Captains, each managing one of the 'newly established' dry storage areas. The first area will be mainland boats and equipment, including Cat beach and the upper and lower mainland lots, monitored by the Mainland Captain. The second area encompasses the 'island' boats and equipment including the dolly lot off the causeway, the main launch ramp lot and the lot above the garage, monitored by the Island Captain. The last area will be in charge of the four dinghy racks and maybe a future fifth rack for D and E docks, monitored by the Dinghy Captain (well, maybe we call them Zone Captains). Also, at some point in the near future, the current racks will need to be re-built and possibly redesigned. I'm hoping someone will step up and take on that task. Thank you Ben Gibson, for doing the impossible task of dry storage for the past 3 years and Dennis Baker for doing it the 9 years before him.

My closing thought is that this is an all-volunteer club and you will get out of it what you put into it. Think about how lousy our club would be without all the volunteers that make it what it is today. What are YOU doing for WCSC?

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WCSC RECYCLING COMMITTEE

By Harry Morse



I would like to send a word of thanks to all WCSC members who have supported our recycling program and have generously filled our containers with (for the most part) appropriate recyclables. One request from your committee is to please take a second to rinse beer and wine bottles and cans, as well as any container with a sugary drink. This will help keep the odors, gnats, and flies at bay. Overall we've been pleased with our success and impressed with the volume of recyclables collected. Keep it up and feel free to contact either of us with questions.



Recycling Committee Co-Chairs: Harry Morse & Blake Christoffersen

By John Kreidler

It's hard to believe the 2019 Hospice Regatta is right around the corner and coming up fast. Preparations have been underway for the 2019 event and the team has been working hard to make all the plans to host another great event and to meet our goal of \$85,000 for Hospice of the Upstate. We need your help to accomplish this lofty goal. So, help us blow this number out of the water!

If you are going to sail in the event, please register early. This will help us with the planning to make sure we have enough food, drink and other great stuff available for you and your crew. Beat the deadline as the fees go up after Friday, October 4th. You can imagine the planning involved to ensure that we have enough food and drink for 350 hungry sailors, so in order to help prevent us from running out, we have early discounts on registration and food.

New Registration Website This Year

This year we are using a new registration website that is geared towards fundraising. This new site allows you to do all the registration stuff that we have provided in the past, and in addition it allows each participant to set up a unique fundraising page that you can use to support our Sailing For Others program.

You can register online by visiting our club website at www.wcsc-sailing.org and following the links on the home page to the Hospice Regatta pages. Or, go directly to the registration site at <https://secure.qgiv.com/event/regatta2019/>. You can make donations, purchase additional meal tickets, order cool Regatta clothing, and buy 50/50 raffle tickets- all online. Everything you need is on the website including the NOR and 'who is attending' lists, along with other information.

When you register, you will set up your Sailing For Others fundraising web page that will track your donations in real time. It also has cool tools for sending out links, including personal emails to your friends and family, directing them back to your donation page. Take advantage of the new web features and watch your donations grow!

50/50 Raffles- With a Twist!

We have something new this year! We are offering a fun way of raising money for Hospice of the Upstate, and providing a great raffle drawing for some lucky winners. For a \$25 (tax-deductible, I might add) donation, you will enter a drawing that will be held on Sunday at the awards ceremony. The drawing will be for cold hard cash. That's right, everyone's favorite: CASH. It's called a 50/50 because 50% of the money from raffle tickets goes to the winner and 50% goes to the Hospice of the Upstate. The number of tickets sold will be limited to 100, so you can win \$1250 in cash! Once we sell 100 tickets, we will start a new raffle, so it's never too late to get in. Tell your friends and family! Remember- they don't have to be present to win and ANYONE can buy a chance.

PHRF E Fleet: All the Fun, Without the Stress of Racing!

This fleet started as a suggestion by Commodore Tim Crane years ago and has turned out to be one of the biggest fleets of the event with a lot of fun and participation. The PHRF E class (Cruisers) will continue this year and will race on the Distance course, have a separate start and will be limited to Mono hull keelboats with a displacement of more than 3500 lbs. This will also be a non-spinnaker class. This is a great way to include a whole class of boats who can compete against each other with similar construction characteristics. Get your friends and family together and get your boat out of the slip and join us in supporting Hospice this year! You will enjoy it!

Sailing for Others

We will again be holding the Sailing for Others sponsorship challenge to help raise funds. This program is not limited to just skippers. We encourage anyone who is attending the event and wants to help us raise money to start lining up your friends, family and co-workers to help. Everything can be done online at www.wcsc-sailing.org, following the links to the Regatta web site. Again, this year we are giving away one-year membership dues to WCSC. That's right, one year of free membership dues to WCSC will be the winning raffle item. We will also draw 2nd place (6 months free membership dues) and 3rd place (3 months free membership dues).

Note: this does not include any boat, slip, storage or equipment fees, only your quarterly membership dues - up to \$616 in value!

To qualify for the raffle, you must raise more than \$500 through the Sailing for Others challenge. If you raise more than \$1,000, your name will be entered twice in the raffle and at each \$1,000 increment you will get an additional chance to win. That means \$2,000 raised = 3 chance, \$3,000 = 4 chances, and so on. We hope this helps encourage all Hospice participants to promote the Sailing for Others program and help us meet our goal. Contact your friends, family and co-workers to donate! Note: we will once again invoke the 'Baker rule' where you can only win once. Dennis Baker has done such an incredible job every year helping us raise funds that we had to try and throttle down his victory laps. Don't let Dennis show you up again this year- organize your support team early and qualify for the raffle.



HOSPICE CONT.

Saturday Night Dinner

We always have great food at this event! Your meal ticket provides food and drink for the whole weekend including the Saturday night dinner. WCSC member Jeremy Marsh has offered to cook BBQ pork and chicken for the Saturday dinner. Don't miss this great meal and make sure you purchase enough tickets for your crew and family.

Saturday Night Raffle

Always a special event, the Saturday night ticket raffle is always looking for items that can be raffled off. A couple of notes for you to help us with the raffle event: donated items should be greater than \$25 in value. Things like tools, sailing accessories, electronics, camping supplies, and of course the ever popular bottle of booze are always very popular and generate a lot of ticket sales. Gift certificates are great, but make sure it is for a national business (not local) as we have competitors come in from all over the country.

Also, to help with the coordination, email AnnaKay Lord at aklord19@gmail.com what you are going to donate. That will help on Friday night with setup.

Volunteer Needs

We need help in a couple of specific areas this year. These are great ways to help support the event AND receive fair share hours for the year. If you would like to help please contact John Kreidler (jakreidler@mindspring.com) or Ronnie Ashmore (sailtanzer@aol.com).

Boat Launching: We need 2 persons that have access to golf carts that can help us launch centerboard boats on Saturday and Sunday mornings. With 30-40 CB boats on trailers, congestion in the lower lot during peak launch periods is something we need to work on. This will really help.

Friday Night Hor'dourves Party Coordinator: We need someone who can help coordinate the party Friday night.

With your help, we look forward to putting on another great Regatta while reaching our goal of \$85,000 for Hospice! Together, let's make it happen.

PUBLICITY COMMITTEE

By Lisa Baker

As if I haven't asked for enough help on committees already, I'm going to ask for more. We've gotten a lot of new members lately so I'm hoping it all works out. Years ago, Ed Sherman was our Publicity Chairman and handled press releases and such. We have had no one in that position since Ed retired in 2014.

With the rise of the internet and social media like Facebook and Twitter, which spurred the decline of printed news, communication all over the world has changed. I don't know about you, but I get most of my news and information from my computer. Having no one in the role of Publicity Chairman and the changing communication landscape means we need to re-think and re-invent this committee.

I have talked to a number of people and we believe we need to expand our Publicity Committee to include website administration and social media. We definitely still need publicity the old-fashioned way, but we need fresh ideas on how to do that. These three methods of communication need to work together to present coordinated avenues of information that encourage and support the sport of sailing as well as attract new members. A HUGE thank you to John Kreidler, Matthew Burns and Rick Fontenot for all the work they've already done on the website and in social media. I'm looking forward to continuing to work with you.

The new billing system has presented opportunities to utilize our website like never before so now is the time to get involved. If you are interested in this committee, shoot me an email and let me know which avenue suits you best. Don't assume I think you want to participate just because we've discussed it before – I've talked to a lot of people about this subject and I would be horrified if I left you out! Please confirm with me that you are interested. When I get enough responses, I'll set up the first meeting and we'll get started.

By the way, even if you don't participate on the committee, if you have an idea or something you'd like to see on our website, let me know and I'll present it at the meeting. Welcome to the 21st Century!

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

By Spencer Mathews

WCSC welcomed three new members at an orientation at the club on June 30, 2019. The first on the list, James Peele and his son Tyler, are actually returning members so you may recall them from about half a dozen years ago. They had resigned for health reasons, but more recently had been sailing out of a local marina. They found they missed the opportunities that they had enjoyed during their earlier membership – opportunities to be within a community of sailors, opportunities to learn from more skillful sailors, and opportunities to crew on racing boats. James still sails the Precision 16 he had then and has acquired a Lockley Newport LN23 which he is restoring. He is a retired music therapist. Their sponsors are A. G. Caldwell and I.

Second comes the Rayburn family: Amy, Randy, and their children, Nick Thomas, Savannah Thomas, and Parker Thomas, ages 21, 20, and 19 respectively. Randy had some sailing experience in his teens and early 20's. They have recently acquired a Hunter 240, AMELIA, and look forward to building sailing skills, enjoying the social activities on the club calendar, camping, and making improvements on the boat. They are co-owners of Rayburn enterprises, specializing in real estate. Their sponsors are Mike Miros and I.



**Amy and Randy
Rayburn**

Our third new members from June also have some previous knowledge of the club. They are Kathrine Amelia Gibson and Luoyuan (Zach) Si. Katie is the daughter of Pat and Ben Gibson and Zach is their son-in-law, so they have visited the club several times in the past. They describe their sailing abilities as 'beginner' and are looking for the opportunity to improve. They don't have a boat yet, but have been sailing with Pat and Ben. Zach is a student. Katie is a freelance personal shopper. Their sponsors are Pat and Ben, along with Tim Crane.

In July, we welcomed Tim Taylor, a former member, who has returned to Anderson after a considerable absence and rejoined our happy band. He's been a member of the Charleston Yacht Club for at least part of his absence and has enjoyed offshore racing and cruising since 1977. He's the southeast sales manager for Wes-Tech Automation Solutions. He also belongs to the United States Soccer Federation and has coached at all levels. He wants to be with a group of fellow mariners and is interested in resuming racing. He sails a Capri 25, MINGO, sail #220. He even came to the club and helped with Junior Sail Camp the weekends BEFORE his orientation meeting. His sponsors are Dan Marett and Tim Crane.



Tim Taylor

Last comes the Granger family, who are our newest members as I write this on the third of September. Joyce, Chris, 9-year-old Liam and 7-year-old Ellie attended an orientation on the Saturday of Labor Day weekend at the club. Chris used to frequent the grounds in the early '90's when he was commodore of the Clemson University Sailing Club. He has a lot of experience in small boats (Force 5, Sunfish, Prindle 16, and later in Lasers, and 420's). He has also sailed a Kirby 24 and a Catalina 27 (the latter in Mystic, CT). Now, being back in the area and having fond memories of WCSC, he decided to apply for membership and introduce his family to the pleasures of the club. They will be sailing a Melges 14, #576, which he wants to use to introduce Liam and Ellie to sailing. Chris is an engineer with United Technologies – Pratt and Whitney. Joyce is a physician with Prisma Health. Ellie plays soccer and Liam (would you believe?) plays ice hockey. Scott Griffin and I are their sponsors.

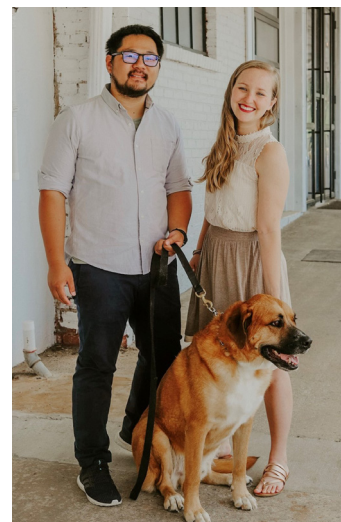
We may have some cool days in prospect and the lake is still pretty full. Maybe some of the best sailing of the year coming up. Please do your usual good job of letting our newcomers know we're glad to have them with us. See you on the water.



**James Peele &
Tyler Peele**



**Joyce, Chris,
Liam & Ellie Granger**



Katie Gibson & Zach Si

I NEED YOUR HELP!

Derek nor I will be able to attend the Christmas party this year. I need some of you to volunteer to host this event.

What is needed: organize decorating & set up for the party. That's it. Please contact me if you are interested. aklord19@gmail

NEW CLUB BILLING SYSTEM

By John Kreidler

First things first. We need to give Mary Ann Caldwell a HUGE Thank You for over 35 years of club billing work. She has provided a value to the club that we will never be able to repay. Her dedication and support to the club has been nothing short of incredible.

With that all said, she wants to retire. And that means a new billing system and accounting team to help administer our quarterly billing process. Expect a lot of details to come over the next several months. Some key points to note:

- We will be using 'The Alliance' as our accounting support team. They are located in Anderson, SC and will support club billing and accounts payable for WCSC.
- Our new billing system will be running on an Enterprise version of Quick Books, located at The Alliance.
- We will go live with the new system on January 1, 2020. Invoices mailed for the first quarter 2020 will be from the new system.
- You will send your 1st quarter payment to The Alliance- not to Mary Ann or to the address you previously have been using. If you do online bill pay, you will need to change the name and address of WCSC in your bank system (but not yet). Sending your 1st quarter 2020 payment to Mary Ann could cause your payment to be posted late. More details and the new payment address will come soon.
- Our new system will allow us to do online billing and receive payments online via credit cards. The first invoice for the 2020 first quarter will be mailed. We will start taking online billing requests in the first quarter.

Look for more information on this.

- Each Flag officer is working hard on new processes to support a lot of the manual phone calls, emails, and verbal information regarding boats, equipment, insurance, fair share hours, etc. A lot is changing to support the new system.

You will see a lot more communication and emails related to the new system in the 4th quarter of 2019. Stay tuned...

And if you get a chance, take a minute to thank Mary Ann for 35+ years of hard work.

**Thank
You!**

JUNIORS CORNER

By Joe Martin

Fall! What a great time of year. We live in a pretty part of the world.

So, what does 1,147, 60 and 45 equal? Other than 1,252! Another outstanding Junior Camp. It can never be said enough.... Thank You!... to all the volunteers that help make camp run successfully each year. The 1,147 represents the recorded hours by the 60 volunteers that actually registered their time to support 45 junior sailors. Every role is important. Sometimes I think the instructors get the easy part. We actually get to spend 40 hours with the next generation of sailors. There is no way to thank everyone individually: the crews that gather and launch Sunfish, the members that graciously loan their boats each summer, the crews that repair damage before and during camp (yes, even the best of us hit things now and again), the ice and water men, the lunch crew feeding 100 lunches on each of four days, the cookie monster, the nurses, camp administration, the safety boat operators, the club as a whole for supporting the program... Again, thank you all very much. It means a lot to the young sailors.

Watch for information over the next month or so about a potential brainstorming covered dish/burger cookout to solicit input from families of the current wave of Juniors. Be thinking of ways we can improve the experience for your sailors. Also, be thinking of ways you can become more involved in the program.



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 8

Green Fleet & White/Blue/Red Fleet Optimist * Sunfish
Open Bic U13/13+ * C420 spin/trap or non-spin * Laser 4.7/Radial/Full

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Playing a shift, the Saturday of Labor Day weekend was Junior Champs day. Fifteen sailors in eleven boats pushed off to determine who would be crowned the Junior Champion. Unlike the last two years, this year we saw a lighter breeze to the detriment of some. No one needed Laser Redials or 4.7 rigs for sure.

Top results overall were Will "Chuck" Edwards in fifth, Sam Taylor tied for third but losing the tie breaker to Makayla McCullough, Ross Martin in second, and finally, making a statement, back-to-back 2018 and 2019 Junior Champion Erin Price. If I recall she won four of five races.

In the 420 fleet, Kathleen Schultz and Ellie Thompson bested Natalia Childs and Sophie Taylor. In the Sunfish, Henry O'Shields won out over Mihail Slobodyanskly, Elizabeth Shealey and James Shealey. Maybe the most impressive performance of the day was Annalee O'Shields in an Opti, placing ahead of several Sunfish and 420s boat-for-boat in a couple of races. Nice sailing for sure.

Thanks to the RC Crew of Junior Champs, Rick Font a No No, Patrick Hopp, Ilya Slobodyanskly, Brian Price and Sandi Price for making it happen.

Enjoy the fall everyone. See you later.

CENTERBOARD FLEET

At the time of this writing we are about to start the fall portion of the racing season. We are looking forward to some cooler weather and some good competition this fall. Right out of the gate we have back-to-back racing weekends starting on Sunday, September 15th and we will alternate between Sundays and Saturdays right up until Hospice. Then, we have more back-to-back weekends until the first weekend in November. The last race day will be November 9th. Look at the club website for the dates.

We have a good group to race with and I would like to entice those that have not come out with us in a while or those that have not come out yet to join us on the race course for some fun sailing and good fellowship. Our races start in the main parking lot near the Tiki Hut with the competitors meeting at 11:30 and the first signal on the water at 1:00pm. We attempt 3 races and and we're back at the dock by around 4:00 to 4:30 where we discuss the day's racing and other fun subjects. Come out and enjoy a day on the water with friends- I know you won't be disappointed! See you on the water.

Eric Seymour FS4086
Centerboard Fleet Captain

DINGHY FLEET NEWS

The summer season was a good one- if you didn't come out with us you missed some fun sailing. We had 6 race dates, and overall, we averaged 9 boats per night and we had a lot of fun.

The first date was a wash out, literally- a thunderstorm had come into the area and as we all know, lightning and metal sticks in the air don't mix. But we had a good time anyway on the deck of the clubhouse with pizza, beverages and great conversation. The next race day on June 21, we had 8 boats, and 3 of them were new to the dinghy night. We had good wind and were able to get an ambitious 4 races in. The after party was pretty cool; we even got some people that didn't race to join us.

One night in particular on July 19 started out normal as normal can be- 14 boats showed up and it was an 8kt breeze out of the East, the summer storms were skirting around the lake to the North and so we got the race started. The boats rounded the weather mark for the second time and they were halfway down toward the finish when it happened...the winds went from 8kts to 35kts in a matter of seconds. To say the least, it made things exciting and interesting. To see a Laser on plane doing 10kts was quite the sight. Half the boats took knock downs and I was stuck on a reach across the lake looking for a place to turn around without going swimming and didn't find it until I got past Flag Island. While out by Flag Island I saw Bruce sitting on the bottom side of his Hobie 16 waiting for the blow to be over so he could attempt to right the cat from a turtle. The winds laid down and we were able to get all of the racers and boats off the water safely thanks to some courageous club members who jumped into safety boats to run out and help with the rescue efforts. At the after party we had good pizza, good beer, and even some added bonus of hors d'oeuvres and desserts from a graduation party at the clubhouse that night. Everybody kept coming up to me and saying it was the "Best Dinghy Night Ever" and we didn't even finish the race! But, we did have excitement. We finished off the season with 2 more race dates that were well attended.

We had 24 different competitors, 8 of which were first time racers with the Dinghy Fleet. We had 7 different types of boats compete: Force Five, Laser, Sunfish, Weta, Hobie 16, Flying Scot and 420. There were 12 races completed; the top 5 finishers are as follows:

- 1st Place – Brian Hampton (Force Five)
- 2nd Place – Paul Harder (Force Five)
- 3rd Place – Allison Fontenot (Weta)
- 4th Place – Eric Seymour (Force Five)
- 5th Place – Ronnie Ashmore (Force Five)

The complete results will be posted on the website.

If you missed the Friday Dinghy Night series this summer, you missed a lot of fun. Plan to join us next year on the water. If you don't have a boat, don't let that stop you from coming out- we can find you a boat to use. This is a low-pressure environment to sail in. There's a lot of encouragement, a lot of fun and a lot of great fellowship with other sailors. Next year come out and enjoy. See you on the water.

Eric Seymour
Dinghy Fleet Coordinator



KEELBOAT FLEET

The Fall racing season began on September 14. We got three races in on a hot, light air day – with fairly consistent 6 to 7 MPH breeze.

Racing was tight in A fleet with Vice Commodore John Barnard taking the win in the first two races. George Masson won the third race and was second in the first two. John Gulyas dominated B fleet with three wins.

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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CRUISERS CORNER

By Tim Crane

Hey there, WCSC!

We've had a great summer, and this fall brings several more Cruising Fleet activities for us all to get together!

October 5th is a Cruise with a cookout. Later that month, the 19th is a Cruise with just a get-together at the Swamp afterwards – hopefully it'll be weather to sit around a fire by then! On October 26th we have the Ghoul Cruise – a prelude to this year's Halloween Costume party! Don't forget to put both on your calendar!

Then November 9th we have an afternoon cruise before the E Dock Party! Come on out and celebrate with the Cruising Fleet and E Dock!

December brings this year's Parade of Lights! I hope you all remembered to shop the after Christmas sales this past spring! If you've never come out with us for this, it's two nights of collecting donations for Toys for Tots, accompanied by a plentiful splash of holiday lighting sailboat style. This year's goal is to have 25 or more boats participate. If you have friends who have boats- yes, even powerboats- invite them to decorate and join us for this year's events! The Elves will be available to help any newcomers decorate your boat or any of you old-timers who might need a helping hand this year!

As the new year rolls in, after the club's New Year's Eve party, stick around for the first sail of the year with the Commodore's Cup, which is also the first race of the 2020 Frostbite Series! Afterwards we'll have a meal of greens, peas, and cornbread.

Next year we will be using the same system as the Centerboard & Keelboat Fleets to collect our dues, which will be \$ 30.00 per year. You'll receive a notice, and you'll be able to pay online!

As always, looking forward to seeing you at the Club soon!

WOMEN ON THE WATER

By Allison Fontenot

Girls just wanna have fun on a sailboat!

The Women on the Water Committee (W.O.W.) is an actual, for real “committee” that just started this past spring. The purpose of the WOW committee is to promote sailing for women and girls at WCSC, promote safety on and off the water, support other committees towards the achievement of mutual goals, and to support WCSC as a whole.

So how did we get here? A bunch of us women got together (over wine and snacks) and said “what do we want to do at the sailing club?”

We all agreed that we like sailboats and most of us want to get more comfortable sailing. Most of us sail with husbands and boyfriends (which is terrific), but we have not really gotten comfortable with “our” jobs. We don’t want to run off and leave the guys, but we would like to feel more capable on the “whole” boat.

That also brought up the topic that many of us would not feel prepared if something happened to our skipper while we were out on the lake. So safety surfaced as another subject we are interested in.

And lastly, we wanted to get to know each other better and enjoy the company of other women in the club. We love our guys, but at the same time the dynamic is different among women, especially in a teaching/learning activity. We are all at different levels and we can learn a lot from each other. Not a formal classroom thing. We are friends sailing with friends and getting pointers along the way.

So that’s what we are up to. In September we completed a review on how to use the Automatic External Defibrillator (AED) at the club. We have one in the kitchen and one at the mainland head. We also got a CPR review as well. One of our members’ sons is a paramedic and did the review for us. It was not a formal certification course, but a lot of our favorite guys have some heart problems and we really wanted to know what to do with that device.

We also organized a “sail and learn” activity. This was a chance for a couple of our more experienced sailing women to go sailing with some who are less experienced for sharing and hands-on experience. Again, friends sailing with friends. No fee, no certification. Oh, and no yelling and no pressure!

If you log in to the club website and look under Membership, and click on Forums/Classifieds, at the bottom you will find our WOW forum and you can see what we are up to!

We are still making this up as we go along and all ideas are welcome. Our next meeting to discuss next steps is November 9th at 4pm at the Clubhouse. (There will likely be wine and snacks involved.) Hope you can join us!

HALLOWEEN PARTY

OCTOBER 26TH

1800 UNTIL THE GHOULS STOP OUR FUN

Come join us for a night filled with spooky fun. From hayrides to costume contests to pumpkin carving, there is something for everyone. For dinner we will have a baked potato bar with all kinds of toppings. Please bring your favorite side dish or dessert to accompany. The club will provide water and assorted non alcoholic beverages. If you would like to help or have any questions, please contact Anna Kay Lord aklord19@gmail.com or 8643809518



Annual Meeting & Thanksgiving Party

Saturday November 16th

Dinner: 1730

Come warm up with us as we reflect on what a great year we have had at the club. Your Board of Stewards will be preparing some of their favorite soups for you to enjoy. To accompany these delicious soups, we will also have a salad bar, assorted crackers & breads, and fresh baked desserts. The club will provide water and coffee. Please bring any other beverage you may want.

If you would like to help with set up or if you have any questions, please contact Anna Kay Lord aklord19@gmail.com or 864-380-9518

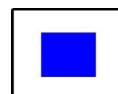


Oct	1	1900	Board Meeting	BOS Monthly meeting held at Clubhouse
	3	1800	Learn to Sail	Ron Moede, Classroom at WCSC
	5	0800	Work Day #6	Rear Commodore Lisa Baker
	5	1100	Cruising Fleet with a cookout	Tim Crane
	5	1300	Centerboard Fleet Fall Race 10	HOPP, Patrick, Harold Morse, Jeff Kaisner, William Travitz, Robert Klassen, John Cribb
	5	830	Learn to Sail	Ron Moede, On the water
	6	1000	Keelboat Fleet Meeting	Steve Kiemele, Fleet Captain
	6	1300	Keelboat Fleet Fall PHRF Race #4	SEYMOUR, Eric, Dave Van Emburg, F Towers Rice Jr., Beth Rooney, Jim Barlow, Raymond Kathe
	6	830	Learn to Sail	Ron Moede, On the water
	11-13		Hospice Regatta	BAKER, Dennis, Robert Rainey, Jonathan Coley, A.G. Caldwell, Dan Waddell, Marcus Zollinger, Don Robbs, Kirk Brutosky, Rick Fontenot, Scott Zoerhof, Lee Lewis, David Anderson, Julian Loue, Douglas Byrd Jr, Curt Silvershield, Bruce Elhart
	19	1100	Cruising Fleet event (details TBA)	Tim Crane
	19	1300	Keelboat Fleet Fall PHRF Race #5	KAFSKY, Chris, Ed Taylor, Richelle Davis-Fandetti, Dick Johnson, Chuck Niemeyer, David Oldstrom
	20	1300	Centerboard Fleet Fall Race 11	GRIFFIN, Scott, Glenn Killinger, Terhune Sudderth, Marc Pepe, Cyril Guerin, Mark Crumley
	26	1200	Ghoul Cruise - Pre Halloween Cruise	Tim Crane
		1800	Halloween Party	AnnaKay Lord
	26	1300	Centerboard Fleet Race #12	BOLAN, Alex, Dan Lacher, Mark Madden, Paul Schultz, Tony Bolan
Nov	2-3	800	Bloody Mary Thistle Regatta	CRAFT, Tommy, Linda Morten, Bruce Freeman, Paul Jordan, Chris Clemow, Jeff Tiddy, Ron Friis, Sven-Stefan Nielsen, James Sealey, Brian Lavengood
	5	1900	Board Meeting	BOS Monthly meeting held at Clubhouse
	9	1200	Cruising Fleet Event	Cruising Fleet
		1200	Centerboard Fleet Race #13	LORD, Derek, Ed Eudy, Ken Lagroon, Brian Price, Chris Smutzer, Claude Peterson
		1800	E Dock Party	E Dock
	16	1800	Annual Meeting/Thanksgiving Party	BOS and AnnaKay Lord hosting. WCSC Annual meeting. All members invited to attend
Dec	3	1900	Board Meeting	BOS Monthly meeting held at Clubhouse
	6	1830	Cruising Fleet Annual Parade of Lights (Night #1)	Cruising Fleet
	7	1530	Christmas Party Tree Decorating and Social	AnnaKay Lord
		1700	Christmas Party Dinner	AnnaKay Lord
		1830	Cruising Fleet Annual Parade of Lights (Night #2)	Cruising Fleet
	15		Windsong Deadline	Karen Miros
	31	2000	New Year's Eve Party	AnnaKay Lord
Jan	1	1000	Commodores Cup/Frostbite #1	TBD
	4	1000	Frostbite #2	TBD
	11	1000	Frostbite #3	TBD
	18	1000	Frostbite #4	TBD
	25	1000	Frostbite #5	TBD

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