



# Hard-a-Lee

Newsletter of the Wichita Falls Sailing Club  
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## Commodore's Corner

I'd like to remind everyone that the Club will once again be at the Home and Garden Show. This year's event will be on February 23 & 24.

We ask that you drop by for a few hours on one of the two days, giving everyone a break, whether manning the table or outside with the boats. I'll have tickets for everyone who wants to come help (allowing you to see the rest of the Show for free, as an added benefit).

This has been great PR for the Club in the past and, although I can't confirm that some of our newer members came from our exposure at the Show, I can't rule it out either.

Hopefully, this will be a very wet year. I'd much rather have to cancel races due to rain than for lack of water.

Pray for rain, and I'll see you at the lake.

Debra Halter  
Commodore

## **WFSC to kick off social season With a Valentine's Day party !**

Everybody knows sailors are lovers, too. So what could be more natural than to celebrate Valentine's Day with a chili and dessert fest at the yacht club?

The event will be 7 p.m. Friday, Feb 15.

Rear Commodore Dave Johnson is looking for a few good chili chefs to produce a variety of versions of the main dish. Call Dave (923-3545) if you would like to cook chili. Otherwise, club members are asked to bring desserts or side dishes. And, of course, your wife, husband, boyfriend or girlfriend. BYOB.



## **Lake Levels continue to slip; Stage 3 "Water Emergency" looms**

Nobody had to tell us yacht clubbers that the lake was going down. I'm sure you all cringe when you see water running down the street.

As of Jan 21, the reported official lake levels were 40.3 % for Arrowhead and 40.4 % for Kickapoo, for an overall level of 40.3 %.

The city of WF publishes a list of 100 ways to save water. Consider printing it out and maybe stuffing it into your neighbor's mailbox, or something else. (copy and paste into online browser)

<http://www.wichitafallstx.gov/documents/2/85/179/100%20Ways%20to%20Save%20Water.PDF>

As far as sailing, we're good for the time being, at least for small boats. There is still good water at the boat ramp, but it is becoming a long drive over deep sand to get to it.

## Board of Director notes:

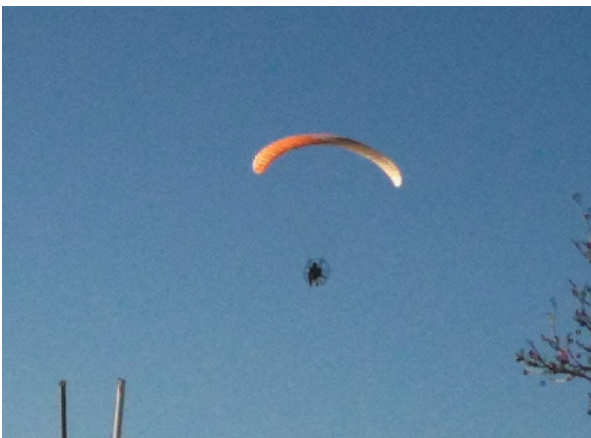
The next board meeting is scheduled for 2-7-13, 7 p.m., at the club.

Incoming Board of Directors met 1-3-13 at the club. No votes were taken, but board members supported Commodore Halter in pursuing a third appearance at the annual Home and Garden Show. The expense is minimal, and the exposure is large, although it does require a lot of time and energy of several club members. Members are encouraged to help out with the club booth, or just come by and see the show.

Board members pondered what might be done in the coming year to increase or at least maintain club membership. The board will be looking into a wider variety of social events, to go along with the usual on-the-water activities. Suggestions from the membership are very welcome.

Steve Priester is looking into getting a street light installed to illuminate the big boat dry storage. Also, Steve is looking into possibilities for securing/repairing our boat slips as they settle onto the lake bottom. 😊

Any members who want to participate in the activities of the board, or in grounds, dock and/or clubhouse maintenance should contact the commodore.



We're used to the variety of big birds always flying over the club. But we had a different flying "visitor" recently. He didn't touch down to say hello, so I guess it's nobody we know.

## Racing notes:

A fleet meeting will be held in February, date to be announced, for the purpose of setting a racing schedule for 2013.

At this point, the Flying Scot fleet is well represented. Anybody else who wants to race - catamarans, Sunfish - should speak up soon if they want to be considered in the scheduling.

Some racers have expressed some desire to learn and disseminate more information about the racing rules. The club does own a DVD about the racing rules, which has been borrowed. If you're the borrower, please return it so it can be passed on.

There is also much available on-line about the racing rules. For instance: (copy/paste into online browser) <http://www.sailing.org/documents/racing-rules.php>

With regard to the rules of right of way, it is important to consider that we are frequently using immovable derricks for marks. These would not be much fun to run over - or to be forced into - and they should prompt much common sense and better judgment. Carry a protest flag, and learn to do a 720 (that's the "civilized" way).

Speaking of the Flying Scot fleet, our membership increased by one with the addition of Dave Brunner, who bought Matt Baker's boat. Dave swears he plans to race the boat, not just tow it to UT games for tailgating. The Bakers moved up into Glen Tole's boat, and Glen bought the mystery boat previously owned by Michael Cecil. Then, there is that pile of sticks and rubble at the end of Flying Scot Row. Will it ever sail again?

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