



WFSC Hard-a-Lee

Newsletter of the Wichita Falls Sailing Club

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Commodore's Corner

Flying Scot fleet #170 had a warm up race (sail) this past Saturday (April 23) and the conditions were just right. The winds were 10-12 mph and the temperature was 80 degrees.

It was pretty unstructured but a great warm up for the upcoming 2016 season. We sailed 2-3 races, one around the island and back. Scoring was pretty tough since each boat finished when it suited him best! Bink Davidson hounded us on the water so no unfair advantage could be had by any boat, he thought! Eddie Harvey started us from the shore using derricks and islands as rounding marks (not a good time to hit a mark). The stands were packed!

The Scots skippers and crew :

#3041 -Dave Brunner, Big Bird, and Scott Stillson

#1428- Eddy Harvey, R/C

#2506- Dave Johnson and Dan Garza

274- Steve Priester and Lee Havins

#5072- Glenn Tole and Jack Russell

FLYING SCOT SEASON STARTS, SAT. MAY, 23!

--- Steve Priester



A motherly goose warily eyes a photographer (Kim Havins) as she watches over her prospective brood - six big eggs, recently deposited in the nest she built alongside the WFSC boat ramp. When she built the nest, she probably figured the boat ramp was in a very secluded area. But Saturday she patiently endured the intrusion of more than a half-dozen boat launches, and subsequent retrievals, as our sailing season officially unfolded. According to the internet, the eggs can take a month to hatch. The nest is next to an old ramp dock that

recently was moved into position on the south side of the boat ramp. We were at the club today and four of those six duck eggs have hatched. So I think we have three separate Canada goose families at WFSC at this point. – Lee Havins

SAIL TRIM AND RACE CLINIC REVIEW

Bill Drehiem of Gus Sails presented a great seminar March 26. Those of us in attendance had a great time and I think everyone learned a thing or two. Bill asked us for some questions and then proceeded to answer every one of them. He is a wealth of knowledge and we were pretty privileged to have him speak with us. Special thanks to Steve Colley and Eddie Harvey for the delicious burgers and fixings.

CATFISH AND MUSIC

Those of you who didn't make it to the lake on April 16th missed a great time. The catfish was cooked to perfection. The chance of rain drove the band inside, but they were smokin'. And the place was filled to capacity.

GROUNDS

Hey, Sailors. It's springtime and everything is growing, including the enthusiasm for this years sailing season. We need your help keeping the sailing club looking great. Please mow around your boat and trailers sitting. Lots of activities this year - from organized racing to fun sails. Come out and enjoy a great place to sail and make this the best year yet.



The club has two "new" mowers ready for your use. Please fill up the mower after you finish.

Boat for Sale

Hobie 16 and trailer, sails, Harken blocks, single trapeze and harness \$800.00
Eddie Harvey 733-4037



WFSC 2016 Racing Schedule

The 2016 racing season will kick off in April with a couple of informal on-the-water events to help skippers and crews shake the cobwebs off their gear. The new big boat handicap fleet will have an on-the-water event April 30. Skippers meeting will be 1 PM.

Beginning in May, big boats will race on May 7, June 4, July 9, August 6 and Sept 10.

Flying Scot race days will be May 21, June 18, July 23, August 13 and Sept 24.

Skippers meetings will be at 1 p.m., except during July and August, when skippers meetings will move to 10 a.m. As usual, up to three races can be run per day. Any make-up race days will be set on the following Saturday.

The Sunfish fleet will consider its racing options at a later, warmer date.

One or more regattas may be added to the schedule later by the WFSC board.

If you are willing to crew for any of the aforementioned fleets, please contact the Fleet Captain for the fleet (see below), Debra Halter, or Lee Havins.

Flying Scot Fleet – fleet captain: Steve Priester

Sunfish Fleet – fleet captain: to be announced

Handicap Fleet (big boats) – fleet captain: Dave Brunner

It has been suggested that each member of each fleet will be required to volunteer for a race committee. They will receive their average finish for their efforts. Among the club rules in force for these series are: no single handling (except in the Sunfish fleet); 3 boats required to make a fleet; no race started in winds above 20 mph.

***** Next Board Meeting is May 4, at the clubhouse at 7PM *****

(We will be meeting on Wednesday, instead of our usual Thursday)

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