



# WFSC Hard-a-Lee

Newsletter of the Wichita Falls Sailing Club

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## Commodore's Corner

Your club is pretty healthy right now with a lot going on involving sailing and the life that surrounds sailing. It has taken us a little while to settle into and remember all that can be done with a lot of water and a great facility.

The Flying Scot fleet 170 has a series race this Sat. 18th, (**Skippers meeting at 10 AM because of the heat**) and then something a little new happens! The following Fri. (24) @5:00 we will start some good Sunfish (board boat) activities and use that as a reason for a club social. All very informal, with hot dogs, around 6:00 or so. We would like to make this happen every 4th Fri through

Sept. During our drought years at the lake, 2012-2015, the Sunfish sailors kept this club's sailing program going. We think a Fri. sail & social could be good (P.S. there are a lot of Sunfish sailors out there and what a fun boat). Even if you don't sail, come on out for the evening.

The big boat fleet, Flying Scot fleet, and Sunfish (boardboat) are full steam ahead or "all hands on deck".

There is now a new dinghy dock, a ramp dock in the works, and the slips offer a pretty good facility out here in the middle of North Texas. The clubhouse, managed by Bink Davidson, has a new TV and stove. Can you believe that?

All of us must remember to keep our area (and more) mowed. It is so great to see a club sailor mow around his area etc. (remember we do not pay to have areas mowed close to your boat)

See you at the SUNFISH sail and social.....

Thanks, Steve Priester

## CLUB RULES- revised

You will find a revised version of the Club Rules attached with this Hard-a-Lee. With the recent increase in RV usage, please note the changes in that section. If you bring your RV to the club, please respect the other members and do not block the public areas, such as the mast hoist, boat ramp, entrance to the slips, roads, the clubhouse, and pavilion. Remember, others would like to enjoy themselves without having to intrude on your space. RV's are allowed in the designated space only.

## HARD LESSON (follow up)

In regard to the boat sinking, Rear Cmdr. Colley was in the hospital when his boat sank. He had his knees operated on Friday (May 27), the same day a club member discovered the sunken boat.

As you know, the work crew that raised and trailered the boat was headed up by Harbormaster Brunner.

He recruited member Dwight DeMers, who provided a big-volume pump, the truck inner tubes and a means to air them up inside the boat. Member Nathan Priester was one of the first volunteers, and worked on the project throughout the day, along with those previously mentioned.

---- Lee Havins



### **A Drifter turns into a Race to beat the Storm**

The Handicap Race on June 5 had seven boats competing. It was decided at the Skippers Meeting that we would set up the course as normal, but run a windward, leeward course, to make sure we would get it at least one race, since the winds were so light. Dwight, Kay, and I set out the marks and got into place. Bill Peterson swung by and picked up Dwight, as they would be racing in Jack Russell's former Catalina, *Windsanity*. The race was started and Matt Baker and crew shot through the starting line, followed by Peterson. Once around the windward mark, Matt headed for the jib mark, and everyone followed him, forgetting the race plan. Matt led the entire race and once past the jib mark, headed back for the starting line. Since they had started the triangle course, we waved him towards the leeward mark (the derrick) and he headed that way, losing a little time as everyone else headed straight for the derrick. He still rounded the mark and finished in exactly 25 minutes.

And then the wind died. The remaining six boats sat unmoving for another 20 minutes (I know it seemed longer, guys). It looked like the race had turned into a drifter, but then we noticed weather building to the northeast. Using the radar app on my phone, it appeared that the rain was stationary, so we allowed the race to continue. Matt and crew headed back to the slips. Bill had had enough, dropped his sails and brought Dwight back to the Race Committee boat. Finally we got some winds between 5 and 7 mph and the boats began to move forward. Thunder could be heard. And the storm started moving our way. The RC gathered up everything we could so that we could move quickly.

The wind was much better and the boats began rounding the leeward mark. They all crossed the line within minutes of each other, except Dave. Forced to tack away, he headed for the finish line, just as everyone else made a bee line for shore. Unfortunately, several chose to go back over the finish line. Unable to see because of his sails and trying to miss other boats, Dave didn't see Eddie –who was also blinded by his sails. Crash! For a moment, they were stuck together. They managed to separate and Dave tried for another shot at the finish line, after a call of protest. By that time he crossed the finish line, the winds were higher and the temperature had dropped.

Dwight pulled up the anchor and we began our own race, to retrieve the marks and beat the approaching weather. Waves were getting a little higher as we did so. Finally retrieving the jib mark, we raced to the clubhouse. Battling higher waves and a brisk wind, we beat the storm back to the slips (it think it might have been a tie). Retrieving everything from the Committee Boat, we headed indoors, just as it began to rain. Everyone made it safely to shore.

From US Sails ***The Rules of Sailing for 2009-2012:***

### **23.1 INTERFERING WITH ANOTHER BOAT**

*"If reasonably possible, a boat not racing shall not interfere with a boat that is racing."*

After the race, I asked Steve Priester what the penalty would be for the collision on the course. He agreed to act as the Protest Committee and spoke with both Eddie and Dave. His ruling was the boat not racing (Eddie) would be disqualified from the race. Since he had already finished, Eddie was not able to take a scoring penalty. Both parties agreed to his decision.

(Times are in hours:minutes:seconds)

<u>Skipper</u>	<u>Boat</u>	<u>Handicap</u>	<u>Exact Time</u>	<u>Corrected Time</u>	<u>Finish</u>
Alhorn	Aquarius	105.8	00:59:56	00:56:39	2
Baker	Holder 20	88.2	00:25:00	00:28:21	1
Bruner	Helms 25	97.2	1:01:00	1:03:12	5
Davidson	Hunter 25	93.7	00:58:56	1:02:54	4
Demers	Catalina 22		DNF	DNF	
Harvey	Capri 22		00:58:55	DSQ	
Havins	San Juan 21	94.9	00:58:26	1:01:14	3

### **GROUNDS**

With the recent rains, don't forget how fast the grass grows at the club. Do everyone a favor and mow around your boat(s). There is a mower under the west deck of the clubhouse and gasoline. Please do the next guy a favor and fill it up after you use it. Remember, you might need to bring some gas with you. Don't let the next fella come out to do his mowing and find that someone used up all the gas. It's a long drive to get more.

## **BOAT FOR SALE**

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



## **NEW MEMBERS**

We welcome new members Paul and Brenda Spilman III. They are looking for a day sailer, if any one has one they want to part with.

## **WANTED**

Dave Brunner is looking for a trolling motor. If you have one that you are willing to sell at a reasonable price, please call him at 940-237-3334.

## **WFSC 2016 Racing Schedule**

The 2016 racing season kicked off in April with a couple of informal on-the-water events to help skippers and crews shake the cobwebs off their gear. .

**Big boats** - remaining races will be on July 9, August 6 and Sept 10.

**Flying Scot** - remaining races will be June 18, July 23, August 13 and Sept 24.

Dinghy – 4<sup>th</sup> Friday – June 25, July30, August 27, September ?

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.

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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. Or just show up at a race and see what shakes out.

Flying Scot Fleet – fleet captain: Steve Priester

Sunfish Fleet – fleet captain: to be announced

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

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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.

**Big Boat Pre-race Finishes (corrected)** – not places changed. Eddie Harvey's boat was changed to a Capri 22, instead of a Capri 25.

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<u>Skipper</u>	<u>Boat</u>	<u>Handicap</u>	<u>Actual Time</u>	<u>Corrected Time</u>	<u>Finish</u>
Eddie Harvey	Capri 22	91.5	2:40:53	2:58:34	1
Rob Havins	San Juan 21	94.9	2:59:48	3:13:20	2
Dave Brunner	Helms 23	97.2	3:19:08	3:30:30	3
Steve Colley	Catalina 22	96.6	3:28:55	3:37:37	5
Barry Batterman	Ensenada 20	103.0	3:39:44	3:37:21	4

\*\*\*\*\* Next Board Meeting is July 7, at the clubhouse at 7PM \*\*\*\*\*

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