



WFSC Hard-a-Lee

Newsletter of the Wichita Falls Sailing Club

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Commodore's Corner

Ramblings:

It is so great to be able to celebrate and reflect on Memorial Day. We cannot compare our present state with happenings around the world.

So how does our WFSC get into this discussion? It is a fact that we have a sailing club that exists because of folks that preceded us from 1936 through the early 1970's. Because of them, we have choices that so many would-be sailors wish they had.

Right now your club is physically great with ongoing activities, as a result of the whole sailing atmosphere. The house, docks and grounds are calling those folks with interest in sailing. A new dinghy dock is being finished as we speak.

The racing season is underway with a Big Boat Fleet & a one design fleet of Flying Scots. The Flying Scots raced this past Saturday in 2 very competitive races (winds 8-12 with some gusts of 20 mph). Both races courses were modified Olympic. The weather mark (winds E, SE) was not far off Pawnee Point. So the winds up to that weather mark were shifty and each Scot was glad when they had rounded it. The off wind legs also had good fun chute opportunitiesa full afternoon. Thanks so much to a hard-working Race Committee (Debbie, Robb, Dwight & son). June racing will be good. Sunfish Fleet meeting soon.

Flying Scot fleet #170 results

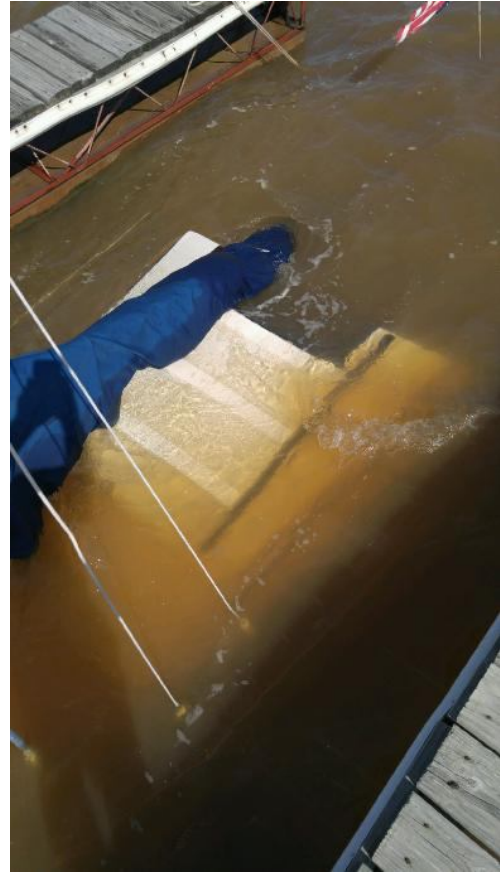
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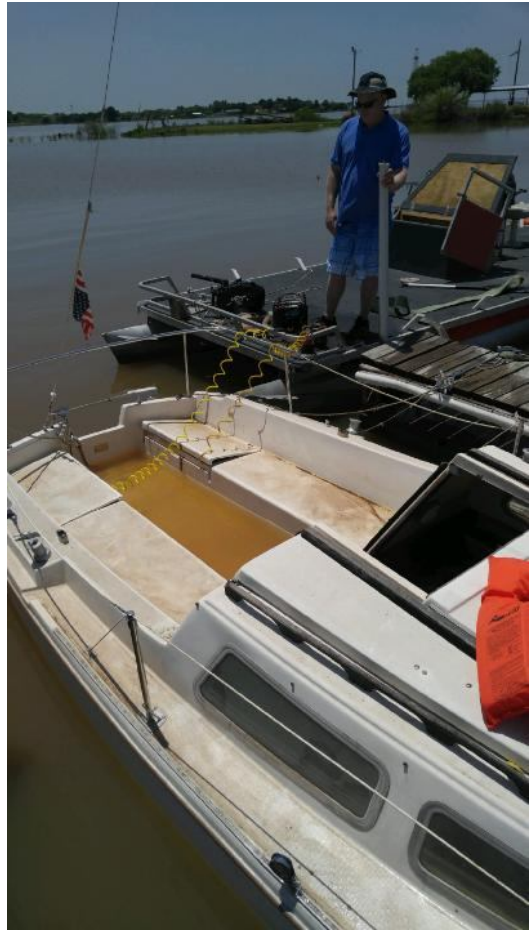
Thanks, Steve Priester

HARD LESSON

We've mentioned before about making sure your boat is correctly moored to the slips. But you also need to check your drains, especially with all the rain we've had lately. Steve Colley went out to check his boat on Friday, May 27, and found just the mast sticking up out of the slip. With four to five inches at the lake on Monday, May 23, his Catalina 22 filled up and sank. With help from Lee Havins, Dwight Meyers, Dave Brunner, Scott Stillson, Todd, and Matt Baker, he began to raise her Saturday. It took five hours for the pumps to get her afloat so that she could be placed on her trailer. Dave said they found a lot of fish inside (see below). Everything inside was soaked and laid out on the docks to dry. The sails were also dried, using the flagpole.

It could be that she would have still been floating if we hadn't had that high wind storm on Wednesday evening. The lake probably just rolled over the already lowered stern and swamped the boat.





GROUNDS

With the recent heavy 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



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 will race on June 4, July 9, August 6 and Sept 10.

Flying Scot race days will be 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. 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

It has been suggested that each member of each fleet might 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.

Big Boat Pre-race Finishes

Here are the results of the Boat pre-race on April 30 (times are in hour:minute:second)

<u>Skipper</u>	<u>Boat</u>	<u>Handicap</u>	<u>Actual Time</u>	<u>Corrected Time</u>	<u>Finish</u>
Eddie Harvey	Capri 25	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 June 2, at the clubhouse at 7PM *****

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