



Hard-a-Lee

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2017, Year in Review

Here is our Year in Review at the Wichita Falls Sailing Club. First off, we couldn't have done it without you! Yes, the volunteers and the folks who made generous donations in making this club fantastic. We won't mention any names, for the fear of missing someone but we all know who you are.

We started out in January with an Oil Spill at the Pavilion and we did manage to get it cleaned up with no reoccurrences.

In February, Lake Arrowhead was blessed again with a heavy rains and water was once again spilling over the spillways. Our boat ramp dock had to be adjusted to account for the higher levels at the club. We were also introduced to Commodore's new boat, half sailboat, catamaran and/or canoe. For those who witnessed it will attest it won the Kookiest New Boat of the Year award (or at least bragging rights for 2017).

March was a turning point for the club we upgraded the Road and Parking lot. Donations from many people came in handy and ensured the entire project was completed. Thank you for your generous contributions in making this happen. Additionally, the Fleet Meetings were held and the Big Boats and Flying Scot race schedule was established. Furthermore, one of our finger docks decided to become a submarine and remained underwater. We will take on the challenge in 2018 and correct the dock with an identity crisis.

We kicked off the racing Season with the Spring Regatta and cookout. The cookout did occur but every time we mentioned Regatta, Mother Nature once again had the upper hand. We did some racing in between the months and posted the results. Thanks for the Fleet Chairmen, Skippers and Race Committee in making this a reality.

July – Created the Spars and Pipe Yard (AKA Spar Bar) by policing up the grounds and placing all of the old masts and pipes in one central location. The boat hoist area was also cleaned up. New upgrades included water faucet and emergency turnoff valve. Additionally, we received pocket size 2017 – 2020 Sailor's Guide to the Racing Rules and was issued out to skippers. More training in 2018.

September – Club purchased a new lawnmower to make it easier to mow around trailers and boats.

October – Harvest Winds Regatta, experienced very strong winds and the Big Boats competed.

December – Christmas Party was a complete success and thank you for all of the hard work and participation in making this event fantastic!

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From decorating the club to preparing the awesome food. Rumor has it next year will include a boat decorating contest.

Granted 2017 was a busy year and 2018 will give us new challenges to face. Hope to see you at the club.

Fleet Racing by Steve Priester

The racing year of 2017 was good for the Flying Scots and the Big Boats fleets. A club fleet meeting is in the works for late early 2018 and messages will go out for participation.

The 2018 racing year will be very exciting and we will be looking for ways to improve the mechanics of each series and encouraging racing skills

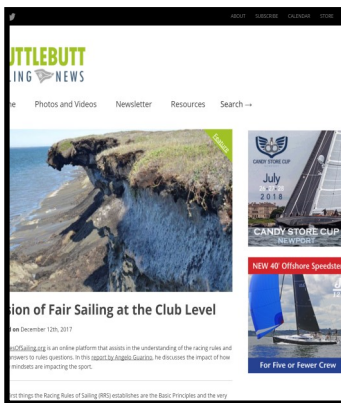
of each boat. Maybe things to be considered; Spring and Fall series, some permanent buoys, race committee issues, etc.

In 2018, also there will be a written rules and situation quiz provided by U.S. Sailing for all attending. Could be very eye opening and fun .



Flying Scot 170 Race Season, June 2017

Fair Sailing Article Recommendation by Matt Baker



I came across a very interesting article in the Scuttlebutt Sailing News, titled, "Erosion of Fair Sailing at the Club Level," and wanted to share it with you. Since it has multiple references and to prevent copyrighted infringement, we decided

to post the link below for everyone to read. It is a great article talking about the integrity of racing and it starts with each and every Skipper. More importantly, it is each and every Skipper's responsibility to follow the rules and to owe up when they

break the rules and to enforce the rules when necessary. Please take a minute to read the article by clicking on the link below in blue, you will not be disappointed.

<http://www.sailingscuttlebutt.com/2017/12/12/erosion-fair-sailing-club-level/>



Boat Ramp at Sunrise, Oct 2017

Boat Ramp getting Sand Removed by Steve Priester

The full lake for the last 2-3 years has washed a lot of sand onto our boat ramp. Now as the lake recedes, launching and retrieving your boat has become pretty tough and dangerous. We are removing sand in the next

few weeks which will make it much easier for you. In the meantime, if anyone needs to pull out there boat, the Lake Arrowhead State Park ramps are fully operational for use. Sorry for the

inconvenience as we correct the situation.

We will keep everyone updated on the progress and the completion of the ramp project.

Hard-a-Lee by Dave Meany

As you probably just noticed or this is the very first issue of the Hard-a-Lee (HAL) that your viewing, we changed the format for 2018. The new look will allow us more flexibility to be a lot more creative. Over the last year, we converted to the Red and Blue format (as seen on the right) but consumed a tremendous amount of ink to print. After sever-

al considerations and to make the flyer more earth friendly (actually to prevent it from being an ink cartridge hog) we decided to do a more streamlined HAL. For those that are printing it out for a historical keepsake can thank me later. (little humor)

On another note, Thank you, for allowing me to be the Secretary over the

past year and looking forward to doing more great things in 2018. If anyone has any suggestions or recommendations, please let me know so we can try to make the WFSC a better place for all to enjoy.



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Upcoming Events

- Feb 1, 2018, Board of Director's Meeting, WFSC at 7 PM
- Mar 1, 2018, Board of Director's Meeting, WFSC at 7 PM
- Apr 5, 2018, Board of Director's Meeting, WFSC at 7 PM
- May 3, 2018, Board of Director's Meeting, WFSC at 7 PM
- Jun 7, 2018, Board of Director's Meeting, WFSC at 7 PM
- Jul 5, 2018, Board of Director's Meeting, WFSC at 7 PM
- Aug 2, 2018, Board of Director's Meeting, WFSC at 7 PM
- Sep 6, 2018, Board of Director's Meeting, WFSC at 7 PM
- Oct 4, 2018, Board of Director's Meeting, WFSC at 7 PM
- Nov 1, 2018, Board of Director's Meeting, WFSC at 7 PM

T-Shirt Sales

We still have t-shirts available, both Harvest Wind Regatta and the One Design shirts. Please contact Stacey Meany at 940-782-6495 for size availability.



Harvest Winds T-Shirts
on sale for \$10 each

