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Wichita Falls Sailing Club

Hard-a-Lee

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Commodore's Corner

Oh yeah! Another year, another budding sailing season at WFSC. What will the new year bring?

Hopefully many paradisaical* days, corresponding with days off work and fulfilled honey-do lists, leaving no excuse for not going sailing.

The 2017 Board of Directors has already met once. Among other things, it determined to have a social event at the club on April 1, a Saturday. I'm guessing an April Fool's theme may emerge by then. At any rate, add that to your calendar. The rest of the social schedule remains uncertain, so if you have any ideas, please let a board member know.

Racing wise, last year we added a late regatta to the usual schedule of racing series.

Even though the Harvest Winds blew so dang hard that

we only got one race in, it was a good party, and we'll likely try one or two full-weekend events again this season.

There will be a fleet meeting in the next month or two to set the overall racing series schedule.

This year's board includes Larry Ahlhorn as vice commodore. You can call him "Mr. Vice" (along with the appropriate one, two or three finger salute). Or, if you want to show that you are a club member who is in the know, call him "Mr. Technical", an allusion to his other-worldly mastery of electrical devices.

Steve Colley is returning as rear commodore. We will be leaning on him to bring our crazy social-event ideas into reality. And he knows the band.

Glenn Tole, who I think is the only one who actually knows where our money resides, is back as treasurer.

Dave Meany is our new secretary. Last year Dave spruced up our website (many pictures), and he will continue as webmaster. As always, club members are encouraged to write for the Hard A Lee/website or to submit pictures. So, if you go on a fun vacation, see a random sailboat somewhere, or whatever, please take a pic and send it in.

Steve Priester is past commodore. He is the guy wearing the T-shirt that says "Mow, ya'll". It would be hard to overestimate the impact Steve has had on the club. So if he says "clean up around your junk," you should do so. Bink Davidson has spent several years making improvements to the Clubhouse, and he is returning for another year as House Chairman. Bink has also been appointed as WFSC liaison to the Court of Donald J. Trump.

Dave Brunner is returning as Harbormaster. All is good down there, and there's plen-



Ted Jacob & Bink Davidson sailing in
Winds greater than 25+ Knots



Paul Spilman, Justin & Larry Ahlhorn,
and Steve Colley grilling during social

Commodore's Corner (Continued)



Beautification of grounds is underway

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ty room for more sailboats.

Mike Gillis has agreed to be the Grounds Chairman. He already had taken it upon himself to cut some of the brush blocking the view of the lake.

All of these appointed positions, as well as rear commodore and secretary, can occasionally use some assistance. If you are interested in helping out with the grounds, the docks, the house, social events, race committee duties or the Hard A Lee, please speak up. As always, we will be calling club wide work days when necessary (the road is in need of some serious love).

Last year's board got a lot done, so the club is in good shape. We even have electricity and lights at the Pavilion now! Thanks to all who served last year, including Deb Halter, who kept the website and HAL going.

Speaking of the Pavilion, we made a disturbing discovery down there several weeks ago. Somebody had graced us with two plastic containers full of used motor oil, apparently from a fluid change in a large outboard. One of the containers had gotten turned over (of course), so there was a nice, icky black puddle to clean up. Bink mopped it up and



Oil Spill at Pavilion

put down some cat litter to try to eliminate some of the stain from the concrete.

Personally, I can't imagine a club member dumping that kind of trash on us, so I'll spare you any admonishment on that. Except to say, everybody needs to keep their eyes open, and don't hesitate to question any activity you see at the club that you think might be out of bounds. We haven't had many security issues out there during the past few years, but it is wide open from the waterfront, even when the gate is locked.

Okay, that's all I've got for now. Hope to see everybody at The Club real soon.

- Lee Havins



Boat ramp cleanup in progress

(According to the fanciful anewworddaily.blogspot.com, “paradisical” is a word with “two very separate meanings. One is describing something which is heavenly and magical, like a paradise. The other is the dissing of parasols and parrots.” Which just goes to show that it's up to each of us to get our own mind right - I mean, you can go sailing in our own little paradise, or you can grouse about umbrellas and big talking birds instead. Not even a choice, really.)*

Clubhouse



The weather has taken its toll on the clubhouse and pavilion in December and January. We had two weather related issues with the house; frozen pipes and a lightening strike.

As temperatures plummeted in December across Texoma, two of our p-traps (drains) did not

survive the brutal cold. We actually had two traps crack and the House Chairman, Bink Davidson was right on the scene and replaced both drains. For the non-plumber folks, p-traps hardly ever crack and we had two occur.

Garth Brooks said it the best when, "the thunder rolls and the lightning' strikes", he was not kidding, unfortunately we did sustain a lightning strike at the clubhouse and Bink and his brother replaced several of the electrical circuit breakers in the clubhouse. The weather vane/

wind speed indicator and television did not survive. Larry Ahlhorn and Mike Gillis quickly swapped out the wind speed indicator. We are still looking at getting the TV replaced. More to follow on the TV.



The pavilion lights were also impacted by the lightening strike but Mike Schulte and Larry Ahlhorn were able to use their electrical technical skills to make lights fully functional at the pavilion.



New Weather & Speed Indicator

For Sale Section



1971 Catalina 22
Please Call 940-704-5320



1978 San Juan 21
Please Call 940-704-5320

To list items in the for sale section, please contact Secretary

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Upcoming Events

- Feb 1, 2017, Board of Directors Meeting at the clubhouse at 7PM
- Mar 1, 2017, Board of Directors Meeting at the clubhouse at 7PM
- Apr 1, 2017, Club Social, details pending.

T-Shirts Sale

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

