



# WFSC Hard-a-Lee

Newsletter of the Wichita Falls Sailing Club

<https://wfsail.org>

January 2016

## Commodore's Corner

This is a new year like we have not seen in a long time! A full lake has given us a sense of optimism that no matter our sailing backgrounds, the future looks great at WFSC.

We have a sailing clinic, club racing series, and club socials; all planned for 2016 (details to follow.) Your elected Board of Directors are experienced and they are fired up about the new year. The appointed board members: Bink Davidson (House), Dave Brunner (Harbor Master), and Eddy Harvey (Grounds), perhaps will carry the biggest load. We all will need to help them out in the coming year because sometimes they end up doing jobs that each of us could and should have done ourselves. We all appreciate suggestions and will build on them.

Leadership for the last few years had to lead with little water and that was pretty tough when sailing was the reason for belonging. The leadership from those men and women kept this club alive!!

See you at the club (remember sailing clinic Sat. Mar 26)

Steve Priester

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## Christmas Party

By Lee Havins

As always, the Club Christmas Party last month was a winner. An enthusiastic group packed the Clubhouse for food and festivities. Larry Ahlhorn provided an excellent barbecue port with fixins and Noot Robitaille whipped up some spring rolls and fried rice that were outta this world!

Incoming Commodore, Steve Priester, recognized the racers in last year's Sunfish and Flying Scot fleets. He also presented 2014-15 Commodore Bill Robison with a plaque proclaiming him the "Drought Buster". We hope he will keep those skills sharp, in case we need rain sometime in the future.

Following the usual Chinese Gift Exchange, the club kicked off a new tradition – The Mouse Dance – and, yes, it does exist online somewhere. One of our mouse guests gave his life during the closing scenes of this dramatic event. The other mouse guest spent the rest of the evening running around the edges of the room waving a peace flag and flipping the bird with his little mouse hand (or so it appeared to me, but I may have had a couple by then).

Special thanks go out to the merchants and individuals who supported the Club by donating door prize items. These include Jerry's Sporting Goods, Gentry's Embroidery & Specialty Advertising, Cornelius Insurance, NOV Fiberglass Products, Green Sheet Energy Reports, Dr. and Mrs. William Robison, as well as the WFSC Sunfish Fleet.



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## 2015 Fleet Winners

Dinghy:

Flying Scott:

1st –Steve Priester  
2nd –David Brunner  
3rd – Eddie Harvey

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2<sup>nd</sup> – Bink Davidson  
3<sup>rd</sup> – Matt Baker

### Big Wind

At the January 7<sup>th</sup> Board meeting, Dave Brunner told us of his sailing adventure that day. Paying attention to the weather reports that the winds were expected to increase in the afternoon, he and a friend went sailing that morning. Watching the wind gust reports for Wichita Falls on his cell phone, he noticed around 3 that the wind gusts were getting stronger and decided to head back to the slips. Suddenly he realized that he had stayed out too long. Rolling rapidly across the lake towards them were white caps. Big ones. The wind hit suddenly and heeled the boat over before he could react. With no rudder, he slacked the sails and aimed for the nearest shore. The wind drove the boat into the trees lining the shore of the next cove to the east of sailboat cove. After realizing that he couldn't walk the boat around because of the wind, and soaked by cold water, he tied the boat to the trees, called a friend to get them back to the club (it's a long way around now that you can't walk across the cove), and called it a day. He planned to go back for it the next day. Surprisingly, I received a call the next day from former club member, Mike Morrow, who lives on the east side of the lake. He noticed the boat in the trees and thought one had escaped. As a result of his love of high wind sailing, and this incident, Dave has earned the nickname "Big Wind".

Perhaps there's a lesson to be learned here (are you listening, Dave?). When you ignore Mother Nature, she'll get ya. Dave's boat was still stuck in the mud, where he left it that day, as of the 18<sup>th</sup>. Unfortunately, with the lake 6" above the spillway, he can't wait for higher water to float her free. He and Dwight created a "redneck mud anchor" to use to pull it out. It's so heavy that Dave said it needed wheels. They planned on testing it on Jan 19. It must have worked, because Steve texted me at 4:00 that after a lot of work the boat was free.



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March (Wow!), we really have a lot of good things going on in March.

March 10, Thursday 7 PM. fleet meeting for Flying Scot, Sunfish and all boat owners will be getting together to set a race schedule for 2016 (see Lee's article in this Hard a Lee).

March 26, Saturday 10:30 AM (with lunch break) Sailing Clinic by Bill Drehiem of GUS Sails. It will be extremely informative with things that you will retain for racing and just plain sailing. IN 44 yrs. I don't remember anything like this in regard to sailing skills and knowledge that you can use for the rest of your life. There will be more to follow so plan to come.

Dinghy Dock--The club is building a floating dinghy dock (8 X12) to be located in NW corner of ramp with a walkway. Should be in place by late March. Will be an asset for launching and retrieving dinghies.

Please contact board members about general operations of your club!

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REMEMBER TO TURN IN YOUR BID ON THE SAN JUAN 21 (500.00 plus)

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### **Racing news**

#### **FLEET MEETING**

The annual WFSC Fleet Meeting has been scheduled for Thursday March 10 at 7 p.m. at the Clubhouse.

With a full lake for a change, the upcoming season holds many more possibilities for racing and sailing at Lake Arrowhead. In recent drought-stricken years, we had to get by with racing very small boats. Then the Flying Scots were able to get back into the water after the big rains last summer, and they got in some very good racing.

Flying Scot Fleet 170 will show up again at this year's fleet meeting and will outline a full slate of one-design events. But other boats can get on the schedule too, if those skippers express an interest in developing a fleet. The Sunfish fleet and other small dinghies could warrant a racing schedule, if there is sufficient interest. Also, we have enough big boats in the slips right now to form up a handicap fleet. Do any of those skippers want to race?

Sailors don't have to be experienced or knowledgeable to race in club events. If you have any interest (but are afraid you "don't know what you're doing" yet), just ask a few questions and get out there and in on the fun. A handicap "big boat" fleet might be a good starting point for a novice.

Also, there is at least one Sunfish that is available to be borrowed, should anyone want to try out that type of action. Contact Bill Robison for information.

If you want to race, or crew, in 2016, show up at the Fleet Meeting and help us organize a memorable season.

## Club Day

Do you ever desire to work on your boat, but wish there was someone around who could offer advice or assistance? That's the premise behind Club Day. Our first Club Day will be March 17. It's also a good day to just come out and enjoy the lake, whether sailing or lounging.

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Our first professionally presented sailing clinic featuring Bill Drehiem of GUS SAILS will get us off on the right foot for 2016. Bill's credentials are impressive, Olympic sailor and national champion on Thistles, Lightnings, Flying Scots and more. Bill was a professional sailmaker with Ullman, North and his own loft, GUS SAILS. But the real deal is his very personal and direct way of presenting this lifetime skill and knowledge of sailing. It will be informal but oh, so much to take home.

Be at the club, starting on time at 11:00 AM, SATURDAY, MAR. 26. There will be a lunch break with burgers served by the awesome pair of Steve Colley and Eddy Harvey.

As a club member, please feel free to bring a guest. WFSC is sponsoring this clinic and your guest is welcome. Whatever level you sail or desire, there will be great information for you to retain.

RSVP is not totally necessary but you might give me ring if you know a day or so ahead so we can be sure to have enough burgers (just trying to get a rough count). 781-7016 Steve Priester

\*\*\*\*\* **If you will be attending the Clinic, remember to bring pen and paper.** \*\*\*\*\*  
You'll want to take notes on what you'll learn for future reference.

## FISH FRY – April 16

Steve Colley has set up a fish fry for April 16. We will have the Band back for another performance.

## The Donated Boat Has a New Owner

Rob Havins, brother of Lee, is the proud new owner of the San Juan 21. As you recall, a generous member donated the boat to the club. Proceeds from the auction will go in the club's funds. Congratulations, Rob.

## Racing news WFSC 2016 Racing Schedule

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Those who are interested in crewing for races or working on the race committee boat(s) should contact Debra Halter, club secretary.

If you are willing to crew for any of the aforementioned fleets, please contact the Fleet Captain for the fleet, Debra Halter, or Lee Havins. We will publish the list at a later date.

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## Harbor

There are still four slips ready for rent. Dave “Big Wind” Brunner will be checking out the club’s pontoon boat for “sea-worthiness”. The Dinghy slips should be in by the end of the month. Now if the water will warm up....

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## Grounds and House

The club has two refurbished lawnmowers available for your use to mow around your boats, Please bring some gas with you and fill the mowers when you are through so the next person will have one ready to go. They start easily, if you remember to prime them before trying to start them.

There are now two City of Wichita Falls rolling trash cans on the club grounds. Now we can have bigger parties, without members having to take the trash home with them.

We now have lights for the steps leading into the east side of the clubhouse. No longer do you have to fumble around under the front stairs to turn on the switch. Bink has also done some repainting on the deck and railings. He also mentioned that the stove appears to have gone to the great bake-off in the sky. The Board will debate replacing it.

As they say, it’s not what you know but who you know. Eddie Harvey knows the Road Superintendent of the City of Wichita Falls. You will notice when you drive in that the potholes along Crow Trace have been filled.

## 2016 Everglades Challenge – by Lee Havins

Kim and I didn't make our third entry into the Everglades Challenge this year, maybe due to a brief but overwhelming battle with good sense. Aghast at our cowardice, we can now take solace in the fact that this year's challenge was brutal.

Eighty nine boats (ranging from small sailboats to kayaks) started in St Pete, and only 34 of them finished in Key Largo. Six didn't make it to the first mark (Cape Haze Marina in Placida). Twenty two others dropped out before the second mark (Chokoloskee Island in the Everglades); 23 others failed to reach the 3<sup>rd</sup> mark (Flamingo campground) and four got that far but gave up before crossing Florida Bay to Key Largo.

The problem was wind. After a day or so of manageable winds from the north, the vast majority of the fleet encountered big winds right on the nose. Bad news for sailors, but also for the rowers and paddlers. One unsuccessful rower reported later that his Fit bit (before it died from saltwater intrusion) showed him burning 8000 calories per day (that's a lot of trail mix and M&Ms).

During that initial pleasant interlude, the winner had slipped through, finishing the 300 mile course in one day & 13 hours. That's a new record, set by Jeff Linton of Tampa, a frequent Flying Scot and Lightning champion. He had sailed a highly modified Flying Scot ("Frankenscot") in the EC a couple years ago. This year he and his crew showed up with "Spawn", a specialized 22-foot dinghy Linton built, with the help of O.C. Rodgers (boat designer, Kiwi 35, etc.).

Here's a picture of Spawn in Tampa Bay. I want one of those !



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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 16<sup>th</sup> 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.



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### 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 opportunities .....a 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

Priester # 274	1-1
Havins # 4271	2-2
Davidson #1213	4-3
Harvey #1428	3-5
Brunner #3041	5-4

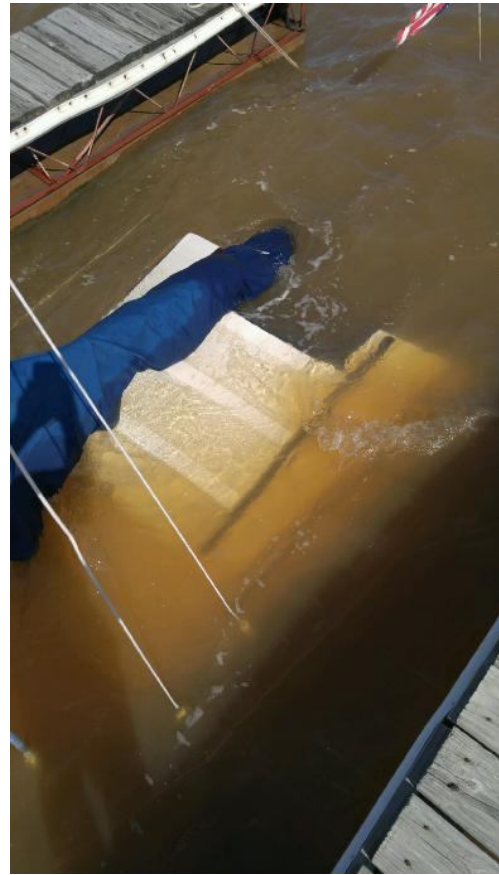
Thanks, Steve Priester

## 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.

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

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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.

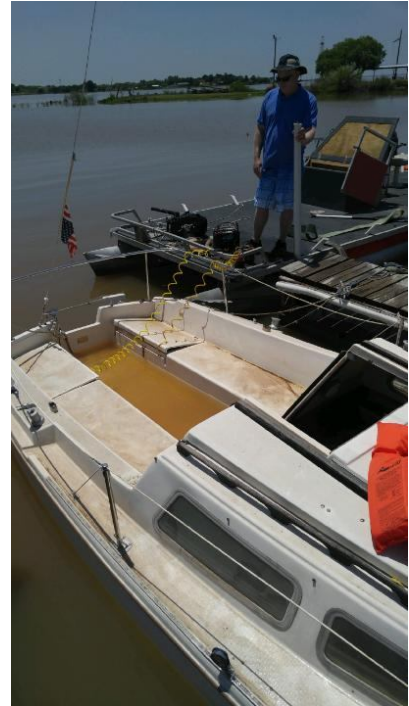
## HARD LESSON (follow up)

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.

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### **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.



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## **Fish Fry and Dinghy Racing**

Join us on Friday, July 29, at the Club at 6:30 PM for some Sunfish racing. Afterwards, about 7:30 PM, Steve Colley will be cooking catfish. Come out and sail or watch. If you don't have a dinghy of your own, you can contact Bill Robison about the using the Club's Sunfish (first come, first serve). Since it would be helpful to have a head count, please let Steve Priester, Steve Colley, or me know if you are planning on attending the fish fry. Our contact information is located at the end of this newsletter.

**Flying Scot Race** moved to July 30. Due to many of the Flying Scot fleet members being out of town on the original date, it was moved to this coming weekend. Skipper's meeting will be at 10AM.

## **Club Website**

Dave Meany has graciously agreed to take on the club's website, and, WOW, has he done a great job! It looks very professional, Dave. Check out his handy work at [www.wfsail.org](http://www.wfsail.org).

## **Clubhouse Use**

Please be aware that Matt Baker will be using the clubhouse on August 19, to host his daughter's birthday party.

## **An Electric Idea**

The Board of Directors is looking into finishing the pavilion. Since it was first created, we had planned on having electricity there, for cooking and lighting. It will also come in handy for those parties we have on occasion. Once we get something definite, I'll let everyone know.

## **Kudos**

Big Thanks to Larry Alhorn for the work on the dock at the boat ramp. It is a beautiful and useful addition to our club. Once we get some steps from the ramp to the dock, it will be perfect. Right now it can be hazardous getting onto the dock. Rob Havins had a rather nasty fall when the plank used to connect the two slipped out from under him. Despite being injured and bloody, he still competed in the Big Boat race on the 9<sup>th</sup>. Larry also cleaned up and fixed the Club's smoker/cooker.



Bink and Lee have been enjoying sailing in Canada. Winky was kind enough to share these with us.



### July 9<sup>th</sup> Big Boat Race Results

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Race1

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## Race2

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### RAMBLINGS, UPGRADED PAVILION 2016

A few years ago, under the direction and leadership of Bill Peterson, WFSC club members built what is now called the Pavilion. Everything, except the slab, was constructed by volunteer club members.

Now, after a lot of deliberation, the board authorized the spending of funds to bring electricity to the structure. This included lights and outlets which opens the possibility of a wide range of activities and personal use of the pavilion by members. Marvin Groves Electric was contracted for the job and it was completed last week.

The future of it is now out of sight. Club member use and organized club functions will be easier and attractive (cooking, music, lights, etc.). The downside is that members will need to make sure pavilion lights are out when not in use, as we do the club house.

The next time you see Bill, thank him for foresight of Pavilion and remembrance of his wife Thada. Now with electricity, the options are greater.

There are also great sailing days coming in September and October. Club racing continues and overall your club is pretty healthy.

Steve Priester



## Condolences

We wish to offer Glenn and Linda Tole our sincere condolences on the loss of his father, Glenn, Sr. He was a veteran of World War II and the Korean War.

## July Cookout

If you missed the fish fry on July 29<sup>th</sup>, you missed some great catfish, great music and great camaraderie. While the wind didn't cooperate with the Dinghy race, it did pick up after everyone (but Steve Priester) put up their boats for dinner. Unfortunately for Steve, it takes three boats to constitute a race.

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## Boat Hoist

The boat hoist has been reworked, greased, and cleaned. Everything is in working order, thanks to Dave Brunner.

## Building Use

Just a reminder, club members are eligible to reserve the clubhouse and grounds for functions, with Board approval. Members must be present if they have guests over and are responsible for any damages and cleanup. A \$20 per day fee must be paid to the Club. Just be aware that other members may be out at the clubhouse on weekends, and all members should be respectful of others' events and guests.

## August 14, 2016 Race Results - Flying Scots

Winds were pretty sketchy and fickle during the race. Once everyone was back to shore and boats were put away, we had a nice shower.

<u>Skipper</u>	<u>Position</u>
Steve Priester	1
Bink Davidson	2
Dave Johnson	3
Dave Brunner	4



More pictures are posted by Dave Meany on our club's website.

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## Harvest Winds Regatta

Sailing club members, mark your calendars now for the new WFSC Harvest Winds Regatta, set for Oct 15 & 16.

The event will feature two days of handicap racing, as well as a dinner, music and party Saturday evening.

The fleet will hit the water just after noon Saturday for three races, weather permitting. A final race will start at about 1:30 p.m. on Sunday, to be followed by a trophy presentation.

The Saturday night social - available to both racers and all other club members and guests - should begin at about 6 p.m. Tentatively scheduled is a steak dinner and homemade ice cream, followed by a band and dancing under the stars.

Another part of our old traditional regatta routine is also being revived - a special T-shirt marking the event. The Harvest Winds Regatta shirt, and a re-run of one of our previous WFSC T-shirts, will be available to racers and other club members during the event.

Regarding the racing, we are planning to run a single all-encompassing fleet, using Portsmouth handicaps. Racers can enter either a "big" boat or a Flying Scot, or other two-handed dinghy. Single handed will not be permitted.

Full details regarding registration, Dinner RSVPs and T-shirt sales will be forthcoming soon. In the meantime, clear your schedules for that weekend and get ready to party! This will be an event you won't want to miss.

## Commodore's Corner

### RAMBLINGS

Fall has finally arrived and with it as expected very nice outdoor weather. Your club is overflowing with sailing ideas. It could be maintenance on your boat, sailing or just being around a sailing atmosphere.

WFSC has a pretty laid back but well organized Regatta lined up in the middle of Oct. It will be called the "Harvest Winds Regatta " of Wichita Falls Sailing Club.

Lee Havins, regatta chairperson, with his committee members Stacy Meany, Steve Colley, Debbie Halter and Bink Davidson will make this regatta enjoyable for all. There will be good friendly racing Sat. and Sun (sail, T-shirts, food etc.).

FYI; A couple of our good members have had some medical issues ; Rob Havins has had pretty serious leg surgery and is rehabing at this time and longtime club sailor Pete Robitaille is now at Health South. He has spent several weeks in hospital with several issues but hopefully now will make full recovery.

Check out your sailboat, either on trailer or in water. (DOCK LINES, grass around trailer, etc., please take care of your area, its important).

Thanks Steve Priester,  
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### Flying Scot Race Results

Winds were gusting over 20 mph, so the race scheduled for the 23<sup>rd</sup> was postponed to Oct 1. Skippers meeting was at 1 p.m. Several races were run, but as of this time, I don't have the results. I understand that each race was about 20 minutes long.

### 2017 Officers

If you would like to serve as an officer for next year, please contact Steve Priester at [ssp3709@aol.com](mailto:ssp3709@aol.com).

\*\*\*\*\* Next Board Meeting is **November 3**, at the clubhouse at 7PM \*\*\*\*\*

This is our General Meeting and all members are asked to attend. A ballot for the 2017 slate of officers will be sent out on a separate email. Members are asked to mail, email, or bring their ballot to the November meeting.

### Board Members for 2016

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## Commodore's Corner

We are winding down 2016 at WFSC. Membership and activities have really prospered the last couple of years and we seem to have a great mix of old and new sailors at the club.

Hopefully many of you were part of, and participated in, the first ever Harvest Winds Regatta weekend. The winds gave us some heck on Saturday, but that evening was fantastic. There were t-shirts, music, and a steak dinner. The winds Sunday were borderline, but some boats refused to cash it in and made it a regatta!

We recently returned from 2 week stay in New Zealand. That country is a sailing mecca but it is great to come home to our unique sailing experience here on the plains of North Texas. We really have a great set up here at WFSC.

Please look at and vote for this new slate of club officers for 2017. The 2016 board was great and productive. The 2017 selections promise to carry on with the same enthusiasm. See you at the Christmas Party, time and when coming soon.....

2016 Commodore Steve Priester

## General Meeting

The General Meeting will take place November 2, at the WFSC clubhouse at 7 PM, after the Board Meeting. The Ballot for 2017 officers is attached with this email. You can bring your ballots to the meeting or email them to me or any board member.

## Christmas Party

Final plans for the Club's Christmas Party are being finalized and we'll let everyone know the details when they are available.

## Harvest Winds Regatta, October 15-16, 2016 Race Results

With Saturday being too windy for safe sailing, the regatta hinged on one race on Sunday. Winds finally subsided to about 15 mph with gusts to 19 about 12:00. Sailors had their hands full and got quite a workout during the race.

Stacey Meany's t-shirt design for the regatta was a big hit. While she nearly sold out, there are still a few available for purchase. She also has some of the "One Design" t-shirts available. You can call her at 940-782-6495 for sizes.

<u>Skipper</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Boat</u>	<u>Actual Time</u>	<u>Handicap</u>	<u>Corrected Time</u>
Ted Jacoby	1	Flying Scot	38:20	98.9	38:46
Dave Brunner	2	Flying Scot	39:00	98.9	39:26
Lee Havins	3	San Juan 21	44:53	93.7	47:53
Eddie Harvey	4	Capri 22	44:28	89.0	49:58
Bink Davison	5	Hunter 25	51:43	91.7	56:24
David Meany	6	Catalina 25	1:41:00	93.4	1:48:08

The party Saturday night was terrific. We had over 50 people attend, even though the day's racing was a bust. Everyone enjoyed steak, baked potatoes, sides, and lots of desserts. Music on the pavilion was a great finish. I hear the party went on past 11 PM.

\*\*\*\*\* Next Board Meeting is Wednesday, November 2, at the clubhouse at 7PM \*\*\*\*\*

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## Christmas Party

This year's Christmas Party will be **Friday, Dec 9<sup>th</sup>**, at the Clubhouse at 6:30 PM. Bink will bring a ham. The rest of the menu is up to you. Please bring a side, entre, drinks, or dessert – whatever you wish.

2017 Board Members (accepted by unanimous ballot) will be inducted at the Christmas Party and trophies for the sailing series will be presented, as well.

We will continue our Chinese Gift Exchange again this year. If you want to participate, please bring a present under \$20.00. Rules of the gift exchange are:

- 1) You can choose a gift from under the tree, or take one from someone else. First person must, of course, choose from under the tree.
- 2) A gift can only be stolen two times. After that, it is considered "dead".
- 3) The person who was first gets the option to keep their gift, choose a gift from under the tree if one still exists, or steal someone elses.

## Commodore's Corner

### RAMBLINGS

We all have memories of particular events relating to clubs we have belonged to. There were good and bad things that happened that maybe just could not be helped. It just seems like all our hopes & wishes in this sailing club year are a positive memory.

I got lucky and had the privilege of being commodore in 2016. The Lake was full, the working board was fantastic and it all seemed to fall into place. Our club grounds, socials, racing, and house provided a pretty upscale opportunity for members and their sailing wishes.

Many don't know about the hard working board that did their job and more. Thank you, Bill, Bink, Dave, Debbie, Eddy, Glenn, Lee & Steve C. for your volunteer work this year. Also need to thank those non-board members for their participation and voluntary work this year (R/C, ramp, etc.).

There have been so many club improvements - ramp, upgraded pavilion, dinghy dock, and live music. The club house alone got a upgraded kitchen, main room TV, and new stove. Yes the kitchen was remodeled....Special thanks to the pretty Phantom of the club house, Winkie, and her work and decorating skills.

Thank you for letting me be a part of 2016.

Thanks Steve Priester,  
Commodore WFSC

## 2017 Officers

Commodore: Lee Havins  
Vice-Commodore: Larry Alhorn  
Rear-Commodore: Steve Colley  
Secretary: David Meany  
Treasurer: Glenn Tole

## Grounds

Even though we just had a hard freeze, the grass in North Texas can continue to grow. The area around your boat(s) may still need to be mowed. Dead, tall dry grass can be a fire hazard and we all know how flammable fiberglass is.

## T-shirts

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.

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