



Newsletter of The
Wichita Falls Sailing Club

Hard-a-Lee

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JAN 2017

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Commodore's Corner
- Clubhouse
- For Sale Section
- Board of Directors
- Upcoming Events
- T-Shirt Sale

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

"disturbing discovery down there several weeks ago. Somebody had graced us with two plastic containers full of used motor oil"

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

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

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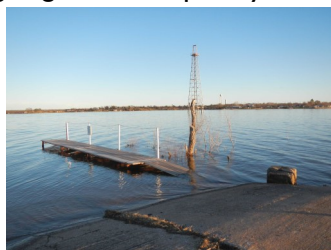
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- Visit to Lake Worth Sailing Club
- Past Commodore Birthday Sail
- Boat Renovation Project
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Commodore's Corner

The recent rainfall has put the lake over the spillway again! It looked like it was running 6 or 7 inches over Monday afternoon, and the creeks throughout Arrowhead Ranch Estates were still channeling water toward the lake. Even though this isn't BIG NEWS, like it has been in the recent past, I still like to say it: The lake is full and going over the spillway. Yeah.



Boat ramp after heavy rains

On a related note, the club grounds are very soft and will remain so for several days. If you absolutely must drive on the grass, pick your spots and proceed with caution. Try not to generate any big ruts.

The next WFSC board meeting will be Wednesday March 1, 7 p.m. at the Clubhouse. Come on out if you want to see how much fun we're having with that.

On March 8, the club-wide Fleet Meeting will be happening. It's set for 7 p.m. at Steve and Norma Priester's, 2001 Turtle Creek Rd. If you want to participate in the "Big Boat" fleet, Flying Scots, Sunfish or any other, that is the time to stand up, be counted and get on the schedule.

Okay, for my next act, I'm going to state out loud something that we all know to be true. The government cover-up be damned, it's time to get this out into the open: These dad-burned sailboats are actually space aliens. I'm unsure whether they were sent here to torment us, or to teach us something, or both. (I do

my clearest thinking while aboard one, usually immediately after being rapped up the side of the head several times by a big piece of aluminum. Alas, the bonk-induced state of illu-



Boat with an identity crisis?

sailboat, catamaran and/or canoe?

mination is always so fleeting.)

Anyways, check out this latest visitation, which appeared at the club recently. It's obviously from some planet where bilateral symmetry just never took hold, or maybe has even been banned.



Space alien type sailboat?

know I have done some of

Will it sail, will it sink or will it only float upside down? We'll be finding out soon. Note that it has no boom, so no skull whacking will be forthcoming. It'll be fun to see what kind of torment it does provide,

Commodore's Corner (Continued)



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though. Quite possibly, this may be the boat you've heard about that only turns left or something like that.

At any rate, the gauntlet has again been tossed. If you want to win the prize for Kookiest New Boat of the Year at WFSC, you've still got time, but I think I have jumped pretty far into the lead with this one.

Party, party, party. Yes, we're having one, on Saturday April 1. No fooling. Details will be leaking out soon. Maybe a pot luck in which every dish you bring has to look like something else ("April Fools - it's spinach pudding"). At any rate, mark your calendars.



That's all I've got. See you soon at the lake!

- Lee Havins



"What do you mean, you wanted a rose garden? I distinctly heard you to say you wanted a hose garden"

Visit to Lake Worth Sailing Club

Dave and Stacey Meany purchased a boat from the Lake Worth Sailing Club (LWSC) and in the process made a few friends and kept in touch with them over the past few months.

In February, they visited the LWSC during a sailing race day and had the opportunity

to crew one of their boats. They crewed with Skipper Bill Heirendt, Commodore



Heading back to dock after the race

of LWSC and had a complete blast while placing overall third. Although the weather was very unpredictable that weekend, they managed to race and se-

cure all six boats right before the storms blew in.

Lake Worth is a smaller lake with a Surface area of about 3,489 acres as compared to Lake Arrowhead with a surface area of Surface area of 14,969 acres.

The LWSC races just about every Sunday and if anyone would like to crew or race with their club during our off season, please contact David Meany.



Overall Third Place

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Past Commodore, Birthday Sail

Sunny and warm temperatures across Lake Arrowhead provided the optimal conditions for one Skipper to venture out for his birthday sail.

Skipper Steve Priester turned a young 74 in February as he prepared FS274 (1961) for his Feb birthday sail. Happy Birthday Steve and Wishing you many more

birthdays.

We did manage to find a picture of Steve back in 1992 during the Flying



Winter Birthday Sailing Celebration

Scot TX District Championship at WFSC. If you look closely at the picture on the right, you might see a few familiar “younger” faces.



Steve Priester, 1992 Flying Scot TX District Championship

Boat Renovation Project

Renovation projects can sometimes be fun and frustrating at the same time. One member of the WFSC, Skipper Dave Brunner has decided to take on a 3-year renovation project of his 1973 Helms Dolphin 24' sailboat. He pulled it out of the water in Fall 2016 and is currently undergoing a dry dock

renovation. The boat is at his house and he is working



Helms Dolphin under renovation

on numerous projects to include repainting interior

and exterior boat, adding life lines and complete renovation inside and out. He purchased the Boat about 8 years ago and it sat abandon for several years in Grapevine, TX. We wish the Brunner's well in their renovation project.



Hulls always appear larger when sanding and painting

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- Mar 8, 2017, Club-wide Fleet Meeting at 7PM, at Priester's house
- Apr 1, 2017, Club Social, details pending.
- Apr 5, 2017, Board of Directors Meeting at the clubhouse at 7PM
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MARCH 2017

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Commodore's Corner

If you have driven out to the yacht club in the past few days, you may have wondered for a moment exactly where you were. Something's different, you may have thought. What could it be? Then you swerve to avoid that jaw-busting pothole that you "know" is just ahead of you, but . . . Hey, it's not there !



Parking lot (before)

That's right. The WFSC road has been repaved.

This was a project a long time in coming. For years we've patched and patched. But this year we bit the bullet and repaved the whole dang thing.

The board of directors started investigating this project six months ago or more.

Commodore Steve Priester (now past-commodore) lined up several paving companies and badgered them for their best deal. Finally we agreed on a contract to pave the main road, the parking area and the boat ramp apron. There just wasn't enough funding to pave the whole thing.



Parking lot (after)

But several club members determined to get the west side done, too, since the equipment was going to be in place. Steve and Treasurer Glenn Tole ended up with donations from 15 or so club members, and it was enough to complete the loop. Many thanks to those members for their generosity. I suppose there is still time to get in on this, if you want to donate too and help the

club defray this major expense.

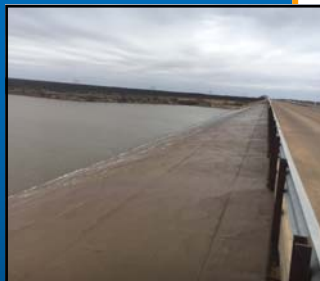
There are a several other things percolating at WFSC this month.

* The April Fools Party is looking like a chili fest, with several home-made varieties to chose from. Everybody bring a side dish or dessert. It's BYOB; ice tea provided. And entertainment. Saturday evening, 4-1-17. (Full details elsewhere in this issue.)

* Racing. The schedules have been set for Big Boats and Flying Scot Fleet 170. (See dates and details elsewhere in this issue).

Any members who are curious about the racing program are urged to volunteer to help with the race committee. It's a great way to learn what's going on, and our race committee members are the ones who are sitting back having a good time while the rest of us are

Commodore's Corner (Continued)



Water going over the spillway, March 2017

sweating, grunting and yelling at each other. If you want to check out the club racing scene, call Deb Halter, race chairman.

So, off we go into our historically most productive rainfall months. And the question arises - where we gonna put that stuff? It's a nice problem to have, I guess.

According to climate-zone.com, Wichita Falls on average receives 2.2 inches in March, 3 inches in April, 4.1 inches in May and 3.5 inches in June. (Total annual

rainfall is 28.9 inches.) Are we fixing to see multiple instances of water over the spillway? How high over the spillway could it go?

As you can read elsewhere in this issue, we have had some recent problems on the boat slips due to the very high winds (from the south AND the north) lately.



All boat owners with a vessel in the slips should probably come out and check their stuff. Check your docking lines. Maybe replace those

shoe strings with actual nylon docking lines. You can buy them ready-made at Academy Sports, among other places. Check the cleats you are using and make sure they haven't loosened substantially.

Harbormaster Brunner has been examining all the fingers to see what improvements need to be made in connections and floatation. But check the areas you are using, in case he has missed something.

See you at the lake !

- Lee Havins

WFSC Spring Kickoff Event

Saturday, April 1, 2017 at the
Wichita Falls Sailing Club
Time: 5:00 pm

Chili cooks, you will be able to prepare your chili on site as soon as you would like, or prepare at home and bring with you. Just have your dish or chili ready to serve by 5:00

There will be three categories in which to enter your, **concoction** and win "oohs and aaahs", "delicious!", "awesome" and "what was that?"

Best Traditional Chili, Most Original Chili, and Hottest Chili

All cooks entering the Chili Cook-off contest: please e-mail, text or call, Steve Colley at lunk8362@yahoo.com or (940) 733-0847

"We need everyone to participate whether in the cook off or the bringing of the sides for the success of this event"

And remember volunteers are always needed to judge, help set up, clean up, or whatever arises. Looking forward to a great event with lots of club participation



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Racing Schedule

The Annual Club-wide fleet meeting was held this month and a tremendous thanks for Steve and Norma Priester for hosting the event at their home and a big thanks for all that came out to participate and support the event.

We will have an exciting and busy sailing season this year. The season will launch with a Spring Regatta and end with

the Harvest Winds Regatta.

Debra Halter is the Fleet Chairman, Dave Brunner, Big Boat Fleet Captain and Steve Priester, Flying Scot Captain.

Please mark your calendars to come on out and support or participate in the Big Boats and Flying Scot Fleet this year. The VFSail.org website will have times and dates too.

2017 Sailing Race Schedule

Spring Regatta	Big Boats	Flying Scot Fleet	Harvest Winds Regatta
Apr 29 & 30 (Times will be announced)	May 6 Jun 3 Jul 1 Aug 5 Sep 9	May 20 Jun 17 Jul 15 Aug 19 Sep 23	Oct 14-15 (Times will be announced)
Skipper's Meeting Times May—Jun 1:00 Jul—Sep 10:00			

Heavy Winds and Waves Caused Dock Damage

Recent heavy winds and waves at Lake Arrowhead has caused some damage to



Finger Dock Missing

our docks. One of the finger docks sank when the floatation devices became unfastened. Another two sections started to lose the floatation as well but are still in tact and will require repair.

Preceding the winds, a team

went out to assess the damage and concluded the finger dock would be raised up when the temperatures becomes a little warmer. The team managed to locate the dock and has no potential of causing any damage.



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Spring Regatta April 29-30

Racing Season is officially going to begin with the Spring Regatta. Please come on out and join the fun.

Schedule of Events will include;

Saturday April 29, 2017

12:30 Skippers Meeting

1:30 Race begins

Two Race/All Fleets

5:30 Social

6:00 Dinner
Hamburgers and Windthorst
Sausage with sides, cost is \$10 a
plate

Sunday, April 30, 2017

1:30 Skippers Meeting

2:30 Race begins

One Race/All Fleets



**And remember
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to help set up,
clean up, or what-
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- May 3, 2017, Board of Directors Meeting at the clubhouse at 7 PM
- May 6, 2017, Big Boat Race, Skippers Meeting at 1 PM
- May 20, 2017, Flying Scot Fleet Race, Skippers Meeting at 1 PM
- Jun 3, 2017, Big Boats Race, Skippers Meeting at 1 PM
- Jun 7, 2017, Board of Directors Meeting at the clubhouse at 7 PM
- Jun 17, 2017, Flying Scot Fleet Race, Skippers Meeting at 1 PM
- Jul 1, 2017, Big Boats Race, Skippers Meeting at [10 AM](#)
- Jul 5, 2017, Board of Directors Meeting at the clubhouse at 7 PM
- Jul 15, 2017, Flying Scot Fleet Race, Skippers Meeting at [10 AM](#)

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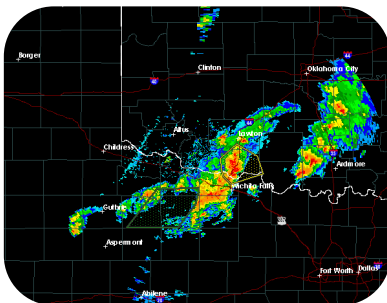
MAY 2017

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- Flying Scot Fleet 170 Meeting
- Race Results
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Commodore's Corner

Wow! Some exciting thunderstorms of late. I woke up early Friday (5-19) and headed out to the club to tally the damage from Thursday night's onslaught. The TV weather guys had dominated the airways all Thursday night, showing us digitized visions of a big twister-packing storm heading right over Archer City, Scotland and out into the lake.



Thunderstorm Map for May 19, 2017

Light rain was falling and thunder rumbled in the distance as I turned onto FM 1954 Friday morning. I met a steady stream of Arrowhead Ranch Estates residents who were heading into town to go to work. Or maybe they were evacuating. But there was no flooding, no limbs on the ground, not much of anything but some rain. I turned in at the club expecting to see boats overturned or worse. Nuttin.

I guess we dodged another bullet. Or maybe the weather guys

got together after work and raised a glass to all the suckers who had bought into their



mass hysteria again. (I especially like how, this year, they've changed their meme from "Grab your mattresses and head into your safe place . . ." to "grab your helmets . . ." Helmets? Hell, this is Texas. We don't wear "weather helmets" in Texas!)

Actually I'm one who loves the big storms. Power, majesty and all that. About a thousand years ago, I lived a while in Southern California. Had a good job, a place to live real close to work. Even had a sporty Fiat wagon, and a guy named Tony who would work on it occasionally. But something was missing. It was boring. Besides, I had already snared (somehow) the best San Diego had to offer. So she and I meandered back toward Texas. Well, I headed back; she came along reluctantly, and finally got over it after a couple decades, I think. You can ask her, if you want.

Anyway, at last summer is upon us, and activity at WFSC is picking up fast. A number of members have gotten various boats wet several times already this year (I can attest it was chilly at first). One official race has been completed in dreadfully light air, and one two-day regatta has been "run" unsuccessfully due to the very strong winds that tried to dominant the spring.

I'm sure you know what happens next. Now mother nature will begin to turn up the heat!

The first race of the year, by the so-called "big boat" handicap fleet, fielded a surprising seven boats for its series opener May 6. A couple of those skippers were new to the racing scene, and there are at least



Big Boats Race, Photo by Steve Colley

two more big boats that will be enticed into joining in this series. A rousing "huzzah" to

Commodore's Corner (Continued)

those who managed to finish the course in the light air, because it was practically nonexistent.



Flying Scot Fleet 170

Special thanks to Paul and Brenda Spilman for hosting the race committee on

theirpotoon boat.

The season opener for Flying Scot Fleet 170 May 20, equaled that number of boats. Three races were run in quickly changing north and northwesterly winds.

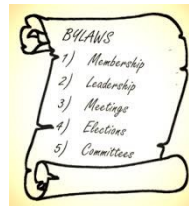
Thanks to Dave and Stacy Meany for hosting the race committee for that event aboard their Catalina 25.

It is several months into this Commodore gig and I am starting to wonder what I'm supposed to be doing. The meetings run themselves. People say what they want, and we generally say, "well, can you do that? Then go get it." We even bought a new roadway with surprisingly little distress. (I have started wearing shirt and shoes to the meetings as kind of a nod to decorum, so there is that.)

In search of direction, I dug around on line and found an old copy of the yacht club bylaws, which includes the Prime Directive. Here is what it said:

"The objectives of the club

will be to encourage, promote, enlarge and popularize the sport of sailing in the Wichita Falls area with emphasis on safety and sportsmanship . . . The policy of the club will be to promote these objectives through competitive, constructional, instructional and other amateur activities."



At this point, I don't have any big thoughts on what could, or should, be done to fulfill that tall, but vague, order. Maybe we're pretty well covered in the matter. We do show up and we do sail boats. I mean, right out there in the daylight where other presumably potential sailors can see and all.

In summary, this is the issue at hand: Is WFSC doing all it should be doing to promote sailing in North Texas? Should it be doing stuff to help, promote or "pay back" the communities that allow us to even have a club? If you would, slip that question into the back of your mind and see if any brainstorms pop through. I'd love to hear any ideas from club members. Feel free to hit me with an e-mail at leehav6@hotmail.com.



One thing I would like to do is appoint somebody to be our liaison to the Lake Arrowhead Community Association. Does anybody go to their monthly meetings? If so, could you provide a little write up for the Hard-A-Lee as to what they're up to? Again, e-mail me if'n you want to take on that little job.

I'm hearing rumors that this year's Fourth of July



at WFSC is going to be something special. And it's going to be on the actual 4th of July, too. Corner Steve Colley some time and get him to tell you about it. It's gonna be a great summer.

That's it for now. Hope to see you all at the yacht club!

- Lee Havins

Flying Scot Fleet 170 Meeting

Flying Scot Fleet 170 had its 2017 kick off meeting in May. There were 10 people in attendance with snacks & drinks. We discussed the upcoming year to include; skippers attending skippers meeting, signing up to race @ meeting and getting race instructions. Also trying to get more boats on the water. If a

skipper does not attend skippers meeting and is out sailing, he probably does not

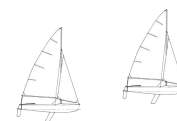


probable course to be sailed. So

know racing instructions . His lack of knowledge complicates the starting time and

you might say, "so what, he is only hurting himself" Yes he is but we have a small & compatible fleet that tries to help each other... It can cause delay for the start and confusion for those other boats trying to get right his situation. If the R/C chooses to change the instructions on the water, all boats need to try to be around the starting line. All those attending the meeting were excited about about new crew & possible new FS sailors.....

Fleet Captain Steve Priester



Racing Results

Flying Scot Fleet 170

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- June 3, 2017, Big Boats Race
- June 7, 2017, Board of Directors Meeting at the clubhouse at 7PM
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JUNE 2017

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Commodore's Corner
- Race Results
- For Sale Section
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- T-Shirt Sale

Commodore's Corner

Where does the time go? July 4 is right around the corner! The patriotic holiday, being celebrated this year on a Tuesday, is usually a big day at WFSC.

In addition to the various family groups that will likely pop up on the grounds, the Club is sponsoring some events this year. Rear Cmdr Steve Colley will be hosting a fish fry at about 6 p.m. This will feature, well yeah, fish, but also homemade ice cream and various fixings. There will be a signup sheet, and feasters will be charged \$5/plate. Steve says RSVP is not mandatory, but might help with the planned purchases. So call him if you want to, especially if you're bringing a big group. 733-0847.

BYOB, as usual. Also, bring your own brand of homemade ice cream to show off, if you want, or your favorite dessert, if you want.

Weather permitting, a DJ booth will be set up at the pavillion and Steve will be basting us in various flavors of tunage throughout the afternoon and evening. He has started to show a disturbing proclivity for disco, however. Maybe we'll have to kick start a disco dance contest, the victor of which will win my undying admiration for their willingness to make a fool of themselves in public.

As to the weather, my guess is HOT. Wind? Who knows? I do remember one 4th years ago when a thunderhead collapsed about mid-afternoon, prompting a mighty blast of

wind, and we had boats stuck in the mud all over the place. *Good times.*

Both racing series continue unabated. Larry Ahlhorn won the two big boat races run in June. "The Steves" (Steve Priester, with his new crewman Steve George), won both Flying Scot races on June 17.

I guess I was supposed to write something about racing rules, right-of-way and protests, as this has come up a couple times this season already. We will be coming up with a detailed procedure for filing protests, etc, soon, but I'm not prepared to discuss that here and now.

I will say my own priority on the race course is to keep out of close places, since I'm never too sure of my own rule knowledge. Besides, no rule keeps fiberglass from splintering. If you are in a collision with a boat that is insured, you may have bigger problems than any protest. If an insurance company has to pay out, they will be looking for someone to refund their money.

Further, if you are racing and find yourself in a close encounter, it is very easy to give in to the emotion (anger) of the situation. As soon as you do, you give up much of your ability to concentrate on moving down the course as quickly as possible. So, even if you have been wronged, you

can easily end up hurting yourself much more than the close encounter did. Any poor decisions made out of anger will be on you, no matter what prompted the anger. This is something I have learned the hard way over the years. Of course, your mileage may vary.

Crazy sailboat stuff in far off places:

* Race to Alaska. 750 miles from Port Townsend, WA, to Ketchikan, Alaska. No motors. One of my Everglades Challenge acquaintances, Rod Price, is doing this race in this:



Yes, whatever you're thinking right now is probably correct. He's a tough fella, you might say.

Read about R2AK here. <https://r2ak.com/> (They have a really cool tracker in there somewhere).

* Watertribe Blackbeard Challenge. 300+miles in and around Pamlico Sound. Not many entries left, last I checked. Has been tough going in thunderstorms.

Read about it here: <http://www.watertribe.com/> (There is a tracker in there somewhere).

Lee

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JULY 2017

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- Commodore's Corner
- Upgrades
- Race Results
- Heat Exhaustion / Heat Stroke
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Commodore's Corner

We had a little shindig at the yacht club on July 4, and I think everybody who did attend would agree it was an excellent party.



The best show, of course, was Steve and Peggy Colley, who worked like Energizer bunnies throughout the day and way into the night to make it a success. Many thanks to them, and to their helpers, Mike Schulte and daughter Brin, Steve's boys Tyler and Taylor, Matt Baker and others.



After a swim, a sail or two and a great fish dinner, the evening was topped off by the usual Lake Arrowhead fireworks extravaganza. The only thing that would make such a fireworks show better would be some music, and we had that also, thanks to DJ Steve, who entertained until midnight or so. I'm telling ya, it was a great show!

The July Big Boat Series race didn't gel, due to lack of wind and maybe a little lack of interest. If you have a big boat and want to race, consider making an effort to support that fleet when it next hits the water. The next race is August 5th, skippers meeting at 10 a.m. Big Boat Fleet Captain Dave Brunner can provide any details (237-3334).

Flying Scot Fleet 170 got off one race July 15 in a dying breeze. The Steves (Priester and George) dominated the fleet of seven boats. Glenn Tole was second, Matt Baker third. The rest of us huffed and puffed across the finish line in good time. By the time the last boat finished, the wind was pretty much gone. Thanks to Dave Meany and Race Chairman Deb Halter for laying out the course and officiating.

The Club recently purchased some racing rules materials from US Sailing, and there has been some interest in holding one or more informal rule review sessions in the near future. Hopefully there will be more to report on this soon.



If you have boat(s) and/or trailer(s) on the Club grounds, don't forget to come out and groom around them at your convenience. There are a couple of mowers under the deck (west side) that can be used. You might need to bring a little petrol.

We hire a mowing squad who does an excellent job of keeping the grass and weeds down to a useable level on the vast majority of the grounds. But they don't work close around members' personal items. So it's still everybody's responsibility to clean up around your own stuff.



That's it for now. See you at the lake!

- Lee Havins

Club Upgrades

There has been an effort of late to upgrade the old pipe yard and the boat hoist. Both have gone a little downhill in the last few years with over-growth and age.

We have transformed the pipe yard into a "Spars and Pipe yard". Several spars (mast-booms) that were scattered around the club are now visible and in order. These spars with hardware still belong to some members or the club. If you need hardware or the

whole spar, contact a board member.

The boat hoist area has served us well for 35 years but a little neglected as of late. It also had some out-dated amenities such as old water faucet and emergency turnoff valve, etc. It is being updated as we speak!

I know this is all pretty exciting news. Just think, now cocktail parties, wedding showers, the list goes

on and on of things that can be featured at



the Hoist-Spar yard. I am sure that it will require an RSVP with upscale dress for sure! Check it all out.....

- Steve Priester

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Harvey	Capri 22	2	DNS	DNS	DNS
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Heat Exhaustion and Heat Stroke

Heat Cramps

- Severe, sometimes disabling, cramps that typically begin suddenly in the hands, calves, or feet
- Hard, tense muscles

Heat Exhaustion

- Heavy sweating
- Weakness
- Cold, pale, and clammy skin
- Fast, weak pulse
- Nausea or vomiting
- Fainting



What You Should Do:

- Move to a cooler or air conditioned area.
- Sip water slowly until the cramps go away.

What You Should Do:

- Move to a cooler location.
- Lie down and loosen your clothing.
- Apply cool, wet cloths to as much of your body as possible.
- Sip water.
- If you have vomited and it continues, seek medical attention immediately.

Heat Stroke

- High body temperature (above 103°F)*
- Hot, red, dry or moist skin
- Rapid and strong pulse
- Possible unconsciousness



What You Should Do:

- Call 911 immediately — **this is a medical emergency.**
- Move the person to a cooler environment.
- Reduce the person's body temperature with cool cloths or even a bath.
- Do **NOT** give fluids.

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Commodore's Corner *by Lee Havins*

We were wondering what new and wonderful things were happening up the lake, where the city's new wastewater pipeline was being completed. So Kim and I sailed southwest, toward the river, where we were treated to an interesting sight.

As we approached the end of the pipeline - which is a mile or so southwest of Lizard Point - we found ourselves in a field of



buoys, maybe 30 or more of them in all. The buoys, each proclaiming "Keep Out", lined up to form a channel pointing toward the western shore, where a big standpipe and some sort of bulwark marked the spot where the pipeline entered the lake.

According to Director of Public Works Russell Schreiber, the pipeline extends out into the

lake for about 3200 feet. The buoys hover above it in two rows, urging everybody to keep clear.

So here we have 30 or more new permanent buoys at least 100 feet or more from each other . . . what could we do with that? What a great place to play follow the leader with board boats. Or, could we pick out one or two of the most easterly ones and use them for a weather mark, along with our two tetrahedrons?

The only drawback: it is a ways up there.

The lake end of the pipeline appears to be ready to go. Schreiber said the water is scheduled to start flowing in December, when we can expect 8 or 9 million gallons per day (the pipeline has a capacity of 20 million). This is waste water that is diverted into the Wichita River after biological and chemical treatment, but will begin flowing instead to Lake Arrowhead.

That sounds like a bunch

of water into the lake. It will be interesting to see how it effects the lake level.

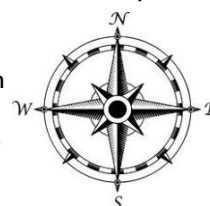
On its own, the lake has risen a little lately, sitting at 90.7 % as of Aug 22.

Light winds have continued to cut into the racing action at WFSC. The Big Boat Fleet completed one race early in the month, with four boats competing. Bill Robison took command of that race, which circled Bird Island.

Flying Scot Fleet 170 got in two races Aug 19 before the heat chased the wind away.

The Steves (Priester and George) won both. Glenn Tole and Lee Havins each scored a 2nd and a 3rd.

The Big Boats race again September 9. The Scots, on September 23.



Past Commodore by Steve Priester

Our two fleets continue to race their respective series races with only September's left to sail in 2017. The big boat fleet has had pretty good participation(handicap scoring) & the Flying Scot fleet very good numbers of boats.(one design). The one concern that both fleets have is that we all need a little brush up some racing rules of racing....

With this in mind , Glenn Tole ordered some good info from US Sailing. A pocket size rules & illustrations book has been passed out to all series boats or interested sailors . We are now printing some quizzes about certain situations that can occur on the race course & these will be handed out to racers. With

this in mind there will be an informal seminar-social that we can all benefit .The date will be announced in a week or two. It will be fun & can be attended by all.

July and August were hot and sometimes hard on our series races but in September we are back to afternoon racing. It is a downer for me but old FS 274 will miss Sept. FS racing with a trip to France. There has been some real competitive racing this year with all boats having there moments, especially last race for Scots . The Harvest Regatta will take place in October for all boats.

Quickly on another subject

that I know you are on pens & needles to hear about. The Spar-Hoist bar (Pub) is still in the works but we have had a slight delay.

This is due to our pre chosen upscale design plumber having scheduling issues. (Ahlhorn Concepts in Plbg.) Also the dress code issue and hours of operation are still being discussed....

P.S. a special thanks to Debbie Halter & her Race Committee folks, sometimes a thankless job.



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Race Results

Flying Scot 170 Fleet

FLYING SCOT SERIES 2017 (Fleet one)											
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Baker	4813	6	DSR	1	2	2		3		DNS	DNS
Brunner	3041	5	6	6	4	4		6		6	6
Davidson	1213	3	2	7	R/C	R/C		DNF		4	4
Harvey	1428	DNS			DNS						
Havins	4271	R/C	R/C	R/C	DNS	DNS		4		3	2
Johnson	2506	4	4	4	DNS	DNS		5		5	5
King	4800	DNS			DNS						
Priester	274	1	1	2	1	1		1		1	1
Robison	5567	DNF	5	5	DNS	DNS		DNS		DNS	DNS
Tole	5072	2	3	3	3	3		2		2	3

Race Results

Big Boats

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SKIPPER	BOAT	May 6	skp. mtg 1:00 sm	June 3	sm 1:00	July 1	sm 10:00	Aug. 5	sm 10:00
Alhorn	Agnaris 23	4	1	1		cancelled		DNS	
Baker	Holder 20	DNS	DNS	DNS		w/m Ke w			
Brunner	Helms 25	DNF	3	3				2	
Davidson	Hunter 25	1	2	2				DNS	
Demers	Catalina 22	DNS							
Harvey	Capri 22	2	DNS	DNS				DNS	
Havins	San Juan 21	DNS	DNS	DNS				DNS	
Robison	Catalina 25	DNS	DNS	DNS				1	
Meany	Catalina 25	3	DNS	DNS				3	
George	Santana 22	DQ	DNS	DNS				DSQ	

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- September 6, 2017, Board of Directors Meeting at the clubhouse 7PM
- September 9, 2017, Big Boats Race, 10 AM
- September 23, 2017, Flying Scot Fleet Race, 10 AM
- October 4, 2017, Board of Directors Meeting at the clubhouse 7PM
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Commodore's Corner by Lee Havins

Where Does The Time Go?

Elect new WFSC officers . . . already? Ballots will go out to the membership in early October after the board approves a slate of candidates at its next meeting. Ballots will be counted at the Annual General Membership Meeting Nov 1, 7 p.m. @ Clubhouse.

2017 Season, A Proper Close

I guess the summer's over, eh? Shame, really. But we'll be wrapping up the sailing season in style at WFSC Oct 14-15, when we run the 2nd annual Harvest Winds Regatta. We are betting on much more favorable conditions this year. (What are the odds of getting blown off the lake two years in a row?) In fact, I'm invoking this last little crumb of commodorian credibility to guarantee perfect sailing weather at Lake Arrowhead Oct 14-15.

This will be a fun, low-key event so there's no excuse for not entering. Find something that'll float and race. More details will be forthcoming soon.

September Racing Wrap-up—Busy Month, A Little Bit to Show For It

Flying Scot Fleet 170 hit the lake Saturday Sept 30, ending a month that included an unusual four race days (two regularly scheduled, two make ups). Oddly enough, out of the four race days, Sept 30's three races were the only ones completed.

Glenn Tole, sailing with his son Tim and granddaughter Sailor, won the first of those contests, which were held in very light air. Lee and Kim Havins won the other two. Dave and Chris Brunner, sailing without a spinnaker, took third in all three, but showed some speed and were narrowly turned away from a 2nd place finish at least once.

The fleet fielded five boats for its regularly scheduled race day Sept 23, but was chased off the lake by winds topping 25 mph. Dave Meany hosted the race committee on his

Catalina 25. They had already set up a good course out in the lake and were trying to start a race when the gusts picked up, and were soon left to collect the



marks in the sloppy conditions. We all greatly appreciate your efforts, Debra Halter, Roger Hollister and Dave Meany

The weekend before that, the Big Boat Fleet attempted a make up race, starting in a nice breeze - which soon died. That attempt was abandoned after no boat had made the first mark in two hours. At the time, Larry Ahlhorn was way ahead, having put on a clinic in the spotty light-air.

The Big Boat Fleet had no wind at its originally scheduled meeting Sept 9.

Lake Level as of Oct 2:
92.2% ↑

Mower News

Great News!
Club is getting a
new mower.
Come on out &
test drive the
new mower.



Lake Arrowhead Association by Paul Spilman

The Lake Arrowhead Association has amended its bylaws to allow any member in of the Wichita Falls Sailing club to join its ranks.

The Lake Arrowhead Association is a like-minded group of people working to make Lake Arrowhead a better community for all to enjoy – weather you are living there or visiting. We meet on the third Thursday of each month at 7PM at the association house on the east side of the dam. We discuss current events at the lake and com-

municate with the City of Wichita Falls (owner of the lake), the Red River Water Authority (water supplier), Lake Arrowhead Volunteer Fire department, county and state officials and any other provider of services that affect the lake with any concerns or information we feel is appropriate. Quarterly we have a pot luck dinner which is always a delight. Our meetings are fairly informal. A vast majority of the members have lived at the lake for twenty years or more

and have a vast knowledge of past lake events.

The meeting hall is available for rental for \$100 a day which is spacious and has a large covered area outside.

Please feel free to join us for a meeting and see what is happening. If you want to join it is \$25 for a family membership for a year.

2018 Ballot

It's time to cast our ballots for the 2018 WFSC Board of Directors. Nominations are permitted from the floor in opposition to the



slated nominees. **Each member family is permitted one vote.** Written proxies may be mailed or emailed in at least a week before the membership meeting or delivered to the Commodore at least the day before the meeting. The vote

will take place at the Annual Membership Meeting, immediately after the Board of Directors meeting to be held on Wednesday, November 1, 2017, at 7 PM at the WFSC Clubhouse.

Final Race Results

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Baker	4813	6	1	2	3	DNS	DNS	45
Brunner	3041	5	6	4	6	6	3	4
Davidson	1213	3	2	7	1/2	1/2	DNS	6
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Havins	4271	Red	Red	Red	4	3	2	3
Johnson	2506	4	4	4	5	5	5	7
King	4300	DNS	DNS					
Priester	274	1	1	2	1	1	1	20
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Harvest Winds Regatta - Oct 14 & 15

The 2nd annual Harvest Winds Regatta is scheduled for the 14—15 October and you won't want to miss out of the festivities this year. We will kick off the Regatta starting on Saturday, Oct 14 at 12:30 with the first skipper's meeting and race to follow with an all boat fleet. Sail whatever you like or come on out to have fun. The regatta boat fee is \$15 per boat and covers one meal ticket.

We will race, winds pending and then have a social at 5:00 PM followed by dinner at 5:30 PM. Dinner will be hosted by our very own and world renowned Chef Steve Colley and Crew with an assorted array of hamburgers and hot dogs with sides. For only \$5 a plate, you can't go wrong and you can also come out to see our new Spar Bar too. Some are claiming it is all hype, but we will let you be the judge.

Following dinner, Musician Steve Colley

and Band will play into the evening.

On Sunday, October 15, at 2 PM, Skippers will meet again for the final race of the Regatta. Following the race a presentation of awards will be presented for the last official race of the season.

As always a head count is always highly encouraged so our Chef and crew can prepare accordingly for the event. Please see a flyer in the email and please RSVP.



2017 Regatta Schedule of Events

October 14, Saturday

- 12:30 PM Skippers Meeting
- 1—4:00 PM Races
- 5:00 PM Social / Spar Bar Grand Opening
- 5:30 PM Dinner
- 7:00 PM Entertainment

October 15, Sunday

- 2:00 PM Skippers Meeting
- 2:30 PM Race
- Presentation of Awards after race

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Sailing Drones? by Lee Havins

What could we do with a fleet of these? These are 19-foot satellite controlled sailing drones, invented by a guy who holds the record for fastest sail-driven land vehicle (126 mph).



The drones are doing scientific duty in difficult ocean areas right now, but

they'll be ours someday.

Read more about them here:

<http://www.noaa.gov/news/sailing-drone-captures-dawn-while-crossing-bering-strait> or

<https://www.pmel.noaa.gov/itae/follow-saildrone-2017> or

<https://www.wired.com/2014/02/saildrone/#x>

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COMMODORE'S CORNER

WFSC will have some new faces in leadership positions in 2018. Members validated the slate of directors when votes were counted Nov 1 at the annual membership meeting. (Thanks to all those members who showed up for that).

As you may know, Larry Ahlhorn will take over as Commodore. Larry will be making some appointments (House Chairman, Harbormaster, Grounds chief, etc). So if you have a desire to serve the club in some capacity, call him.

Paul Spilman will be the new Vice Commodore. Steve Colley remains as Rear Commodore, head cook and musician. Dave Meany remains as Secretary, Hard-a-Lee editor and webmaster.

Matt Baker will become the new treasurer, replacing retiring treasurer Glenn Tole, who has been the club's financial guru since the ancient Egyptians invented numbers, I think.

2nd Annual Harvest Winds Regatta

Was won by Bink Davidson, who scored a bullet in the only race completed - again due to high winds both days. (Maybe putting "winds" in the name of the regatta wasn't such a good idea?)

Bill Robison was 2nd and Dave Meany was 3rd.



Hey, we're having a Christmas Party !

The Wichita Falls Sailing Club's annual Christmas bash has been slated for Saturday night, Dec. 2.

Here's the schedule:

- * Cocktails at 6 p.m. (unless you arrive earlier);
- * Dinner (shrimp boil and fixins), served at 7.
- * We'll get those boring awards and new director intros over with soon thereafter.
- * Followed by the always exciting Chinese gift exchange! (*Can we still call it that?*)

Then it's party til you drop.

Bring a fun gift (spend \$20 or less) if you want to participate in the CGE (oh, you know you do).

Cost is \$10 per head. BYOB.

You must RSVP by Nov 28. (Please do so by calling Rear Cmdr Steve Colley, 733-0847; or by emailing sailing@wfsail.org.)

Don't miss this chance to hang out with your like minded sailing friends. You might even meet some new ones.





Hard-a-Lee

December 2017

Volume I, Issue 12

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, Skipper 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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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

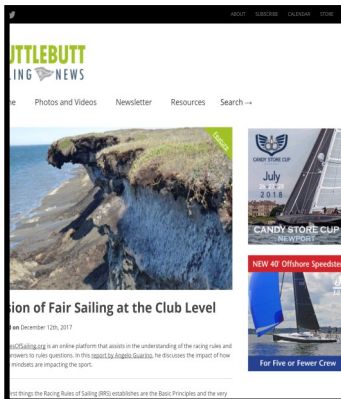
of each boat. Maybe things to be considered; Spring and Fall series, some permanent buoys, race committee issues, etc.

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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- 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
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