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(find us online at wfsail.org)

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Commodore's Corner

By Steve Colley, 2020 Commodore

Well, it's mid April , and I must say that I truly hope everyone is well. I would like to take a minute to thank everyone in this club from the board members to the general membership for the patience, guidance and understanding during this time that we are now experiencing.

The board did meet this month via Webex meeting, and with all that is going on we had a very productive meeting. We are monitoring how things are progressing and will be doing all we can to re-open the clubhouse as soon as safely possible. I understand it has been a difficult situation, and I appreciate everyone's cooperation and understanding. .

That being said , the grounds are still open and things are still quite enjoyable at the WFSC. I would ask that everyone keep practicing your social distancing, and hand washing protocol, so we can be back to normal operations as soon as possible.

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COVID-19 UPDATE

By Lee Havins, WFSC Scty

It now appears that the various stay-at-home orders and protective orders of Wichita Falls, Wichita County and Clay County may be lifted or at least eased soon.

When that happens, the WFSC Board intends to re-open the Clubhouse, at least as far as the restrooms, showers and storage area is concerned. Use of the kitchen and meeting areas will continue to be discouraged, if not prohibited. In addition, there will be some kind of cleaning protocol to be followed by all users.

We all need to keep in mind that crowds must be kept to a minimum, even after things start to re-open, and personal space will continue to be important. It may be a long time before we can have our usual crowded social activities.

We would ask that guests brought to the club be kept to a minimum, particularly if they are from a more seriously effected urban area. Also, always shut the gate behind you.

We are anticipating resuming the fleet racing schedule in May, although the Big Boat race set for May 2 will most likely be run on the make up day, May 9.

More information will be provided through e-mails and on Club News (wfsail.org) as the details solidify. But with some luck, we can have a great summer at WFSC.

LAKE LEVELS

As of April 13, Lake Arrowhead was reported to be at 96.3%. That's a lot of good water for sailing, folks!
Lake Kickapoo was reported at 95%.

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This month has been hopping groundwise, with all the boats that have been being refitted during the winter months.

The rains came and we saw a favorable lake level which allowed us to utilize our own ramp for the first time in a while, so a lot of progress was made.

We now have the slips full, and I can't wait to see everyone out under sail.

Ronnie Brasket has christened his craft the "Hola Beaches" and is looking fine and ready for some fun.

Jim Loudermilk was able to launch the "Queen Bee", at our ramp, with a little effort and the benefit of the six foot rule. Ask Jim to show you around, it's a very nice boat!

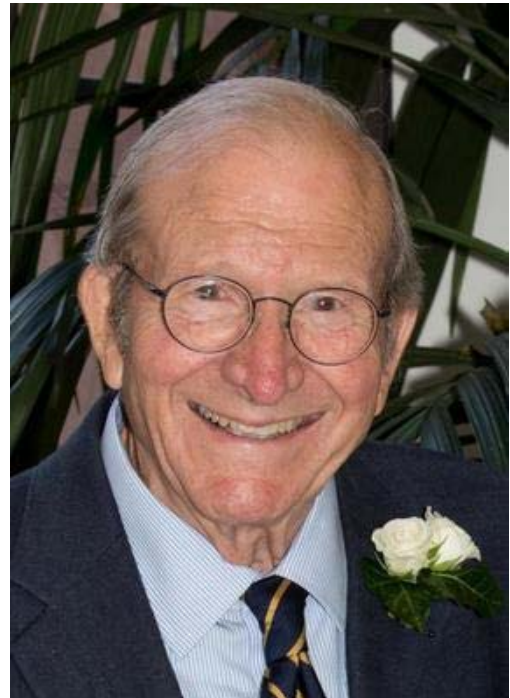
Everyone welcome new member Freddie Kennedy and his wife Josette to the club. They have a MacGregor 26 slipped and sailing out of the south side.

With all the slips being full I would like to extend great gratitude to the members who have graciously moved their boats and adapted to allow everyone to be slipped this season. Thank you folks!...

Also remember to log your hours on the website sailtrak, lets see some numbers!

So again, thanks to all in this unprecedented time, and we will be looking at getting our regular schedule of activities, racing and social events back on track as soon as we can safely do so. In the meantime stay well, stay safe and SAIL ON !!

Tom Long Jr, longtime WFSC member



Tom Long Jr. of Wichita Falls, a longtime member of WFSC, passed away April 8. He was 90.

Tom owned and sailed a C scow at the club for many years. He probably wasn't well known to our newest members. But those of us who have been around awhile will remember Tom as a friendly guy who would offer even a complete stranger the opportunity for a long and interesting conversation.

Tom was a Yale graduate, an engineer, a Navy veteran and had a long business career, which culminated when he founded the Brunel Corp in Wichita Falls.

He is survived by his wife of 63 years, Donna Jean; his son Trip and wife Laurie of Wichita Falls; his son Randy and wife Jane of Wichita Falls; and his daughter Susan and husband Bobby Dan Roberts of University Park, Texas.

RACING NEWS

Well, obviously, there isn't much racing news, as our schedule has been put on hold, along with most other things, while we're in the grip of the pandemic thing.

We are all crossing our fingers that the current physical limitations caused by the corona virus will be lifted for May. Right now, we're planning for both fleets (Big Boat and Flying Scot) to operate in May. The Big Boat race set for May 2 will be moved to the makeup date, May 9. If it turns out that we can't race in May, if the shelter-in-place orders are extended, then we'll regroup for the next month.

There have been several additional boats put into the slips that could bolster the numbers in the Big Boat Fleet. Jim Loudermilk launched his Capri 26, Ronny Brasket launched the "old blue" classic he has been working on, Dave Bruner has put in a new boat (a Chrysler), and our newest member, Freddie Kennedy, has put in a MacGregor 26. It should match up well with the boat now sailed by the Kristoffs. So the Big Boat Fleet may be a big one, if everybody decides to come out.

In the Flying Scot realm, there has been a bit of shuffling. Brad Beauchamp has moved up to one of the newer Flying Scots. His old boat, which is well equipped and solid, is again for sale (see below).



FOR SALE - A TURN-KEY FLYING SCOT FOR SOMEONE WANTING TO RACE IN FS FLEET 170.

It is #2506 (Douglas built);-solid deck & floor (important);-almost new mast (value, \$1500.00); 2 sets of sails(one little used North);-solid trailer with recent updates; very adequate updated hardware & rigging . Also a boom-down boat cover. This boat has been part of fleet #170 for a long time, and we need to keep it here. New owner must be a WFSC and Fleet 170 member. \$2700. Call Steve Priester, 781-7016.