



Hard-a-Lee

occasional newsletter
of the Wichita Falls Sailing Club
(find us online at wfsail.org)

March 30, 2021

COMMODORE'S CORNER

High Hopes for a better year

By Debra Halter, Commodore

The fleet meeting last month drew a good turnout. The 2021 race schedule is posted on our website and again in this issue. In yet another meeting, captains from three fleets - Big Boat Handicap, Flying Scot and Evening Fun Fleet - got together and discussed how to implement a season that might top those of the recent past.

There is much enthusiasm, following the difficult 2020 Covid year.

2021 is beginning to look better, with the state dropping mask restrictions and opening businesses up for 100% capacity.

For some of us, though, it feels a little premature. We all know of someone who lost their life during this pandemic. Don't expect things to return to normal at the Clubhouse just yet. Please respect others by continuing to wear masks and limiting Clubhouse use for a bit longer. We'll get there yet.

Otherwise, no doubt everybody remembers (but may be trying to forget) the Big Freeze that took over our area last month (see photos in this issue).

The Club survived intact, although an inspection did reveal some plumbing damage. Larry Ahlhorn and new House Chairman Bink Davidson spent a day or two replacing a toilet and a lot of piping underneath the Clubhouse. Kudos to them, as they saved the Club a lot of money and got us back in operation as quickly as possible.

Welcome
to the Club

Recently the WFSC Board voted in two new members. They are:

- Dwight DeMers of Burkburnett, who belonged to the club several years ago. He is in the oil business. He and wife Brandy have four children, ages 4 to 18. They own a Catalina 22.

- Also Steven Bickings of Wichita Falls, an attorney. He and wife Mary Alice have two children, ages 7 and 9. Currently they own an AMF Sunbird.

Welcome these new members when you see them at the lake!

WFSC Member Ron Manney Passes

Ron G. Manney of Henrietta, who joined WFSC last fall, died in early March. He was 72.

Ron was an Army veteran, a graduate of MSU and had been CPA in Midland and Henrietta.

Club Work Days Coming Up

Bink Davidson, who took over the job of House Chairman recently, is looking for a few members to help him with several projects he is planning.

Work on the deck around the Clubhouse will be ongoing, and there are indoor projects, too, including patching the ceiling where it was damaged by roof leaks.

Also, Grounds Chairman Paul Spilman has his eye on some projects that have us filling up a roll-off dumpster.

Contact one or both of these guys if you want to offer some labor for the Club and get in on the fun. Bink, 782-6147; Paul, 782-3277.



HERE'S PAUL IN ACTION recently, as he and his tractor attack the old rotten "dance floor" deck south of the Clubhouse. Going, going . . . Gone.



Local Scout Completes Project To Help River Bend Nature Center

A couple of years ago, the Boy Scouts of America started allowing girls into the program. Since then, nearly 1000 girls nationally have progressed to become Eagle Scouts, the Scouts' highest rank.

WFSC member Maja Spadin supervises a Boy Scout troop of girls, Troop 34. They have camped at the Club occasionally and have worked at some of our events.

One girl from Troop 34, Sara Russell, recently became the troop's first Eagle candidate by completing her Eagle project. Sara is pictured above with the wonderful planters that she built for the River Bend Nature Center.

Very nice job !



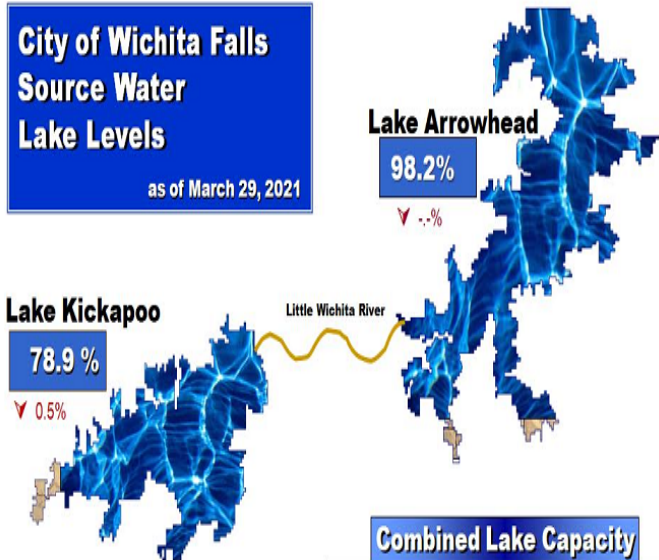
WEDDING BELLS AT WFSC

If you notice an unusual commotion in and around the Clubhouse on May 15, it's probably the wedding of Bink Davidson and Sheryl Mahon. The nuptials, for which they have reserved the Clubhouse, are slated for 4 p.m.

2021 Board of Directors

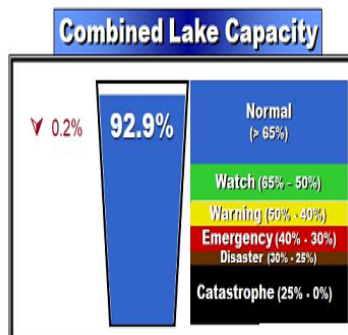
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**City of Wichita Falls
Source Water
Lake Levels**
as of March 29, 2021



**Current City of Wichita Falls
Drought Status:**

NORMAL



"Onward Through The Fog"

After last month's Deep Freeze finally let up, John Kidwell and son headed out for a sail, apparently missing the fax about possible dense fog. Larry Ahlhorn caught this ghostly shot from the bank. (Points for you if you got the Oat Willie reference).

You may have noticed, we had a little winter weather last month, turning the Club into a week-long Arctic scene, and playing havoc with plumbing everywhere.



It's often been said:
"give Bink a hacksaw and a hole in the floor
and he's one happy guy".



Is that a polar bear heading this way?
Bring it on, summertime.



WFSC 2021 Racing Schedule

Big Boat Fleet, Flying Scot Fleet, Open Regattas, Small Dinghy Evening Fleet

RACE DATES / TIME OF SKIPPERS MEETING *

BIG BOAT SERIES

(using Portsmouth Handicaps)

April 3 / 12 p.m.

May 1 / 12 p.m.

- ▶ May 1 is also the "Spring Regatta".
All boats welcome, handicap scoring,
For Big Boats ONLY, counts toward series)

June 5 / 12 p.m.

- ▶ July 10 / 10 a.m. "Hot Stuff Regatta". All boats welcome, handicap scoring,
doesn't count toward either series

August 7 / 10 a.m.

September 4 / 12 p.m.

- ▶ October 2 / 12 p.m. "Harvest Winds Regatta". All boats welcome, handicap scoring,
doesn't count toward either series

October 23 / 12 p.m.

FLYING SCOT SERIES

(racing one design)

April 17 / 12 p.m.

May 16 or 22 / 12 p.m.

(date change, from May 15, TBD)

June 19 / 12 p.m.

August 21 / 10 a.m.

September 18 / 12 p.m.

October 9 / 12 p.m.

Small Dinghy Evening Fleet will race on Thursdays, 6 p.m., June thru September, using "fun rules". Single-sail boats may single hand. Two-sail boats require a crew of two or more.

CONTACT LIST

WFSC Race chairman, Steve Priester, 781-7016.

WFSC Race Committee directors, Deb Halter, 632-8557, Rob Havins, 257-1621.

Big Boat captains, Bill Robison, 733-7828, Dave Brunner, 237-3334, John Kidwell, 781-1310.

Flying Scot captains, Steve Priester, 781-7016, Lee Havins, 704-1474.

Small Dinghy capts, Steve Priester, 781-7016, Matt Baker, 923-7387, Steve Colley, 733-0847.

NOTES:

* Skippers need to attend the skippers meeting. Please rig your boat before the meeting.

Series make-up races will occur on the following Saturday (and Sunday, if required).

Series race dates may include up to three races.

Three boats on the lake at the start are required to score a fleet race.

Other technical details (throwouts, etc), are listed on the scoreboard inside the Clubhouse.