



Hard-a-Lee

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COMMODORE'S CORNER

Changes

By Debra Halter, Commodore

The Board wants to express its condolences to Matt Baker on the recent loss of his mother and to the Brunner family for the loss of Kay. Kay helped out at the club quite a bit and even assisted me with Race Committee duties on many occasions. She will be missed.

The Board has voted to have new batteries installed on the automatic gate, since we were near the end of the batteries' lives. We don't want anyone locked out (or in) when no one else is around. We all rely on our remotes more than our gate keys.

We've been noticing that members are bringing all sorts of things to the club, perhaps thinking that someone else might want them. It would be better to ask around or have the secretary put something in the Hard-A-Lee, though. If no one wants it, it's just extra trash for the House Chairman to throw away. And speaking of trash, if you bring something to the club and put it in the junk pile - DON'T. If you think its trash, it is.

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Fingers Crossed for Good Harvest Winds Weather

The weatherman, who is scheduling rain this week, can't seem to decide if it will end before Saturday's Harvest Winds Regatta and Cookout.

Nevertheless, we hope for the best. If it does taper off, we could have beautiful conditions for a sail and afternoon social event.

As you know, the one-day regatta starts at noon with a race-mandatory Skippers Meeting. We'll race in one big fleet, under Portsmouth handicap. Winds at about 8 mps are expected with a high temperature at about 80.

Then, in late afternoon, on to the social and cookout. Rear Cmdr Blu Kennedy will be cooking hot dogs, brats and fixings. He asks that participants bring their favorite side dish or dessert to share. Kind of like our potlucks of yesteryear. The event is BYOB.

Whether you're racing or not, come out and enjoy the changing fall conditions at the Club.

SCAMP #560 UPDATE: never give up



(looks like this is going to take a while . . .)

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The club's trash pile is not for your disposal of unwanted items. The club members don't want your old weights, worn-out grills, chairs, etc. You are responsible for disposing of your junk at home, not leaving it at the club so someone else has to trash it.

And speaking of trash, let's discuss the boneyard. In the past, if a boat, or parts thereof, were in the boneyard, they were considered abandoned and available for salvage. Now we don't know what is abandoned or private property. The boneyard has melded with the mothball fleet. Please let us know if you have a boat in the boneyard that you want to keep. If not, parts may start disappearing off of it. If it's just in mothball, and you still want it, move it - or mark it as trash. Otherwise, you may go out to the boneyard one day and it's gone (or parts of it are). Contact Steve Priester about where to move it if you want to keep it.

There are about 6-7 boat owners who are not mowing around their boats. With the rainfall we received earlier in the year and the lack of rain this summer, the grass is high, drying out by the minute and very flammable. Short grass burns fast but doesn't get time to hang around and get really hot. Boats, however, do burn quickly. Don't let a spark ruin everyone's season. Mow it.

On that note, we have a brand new mower for

club members to use. Please don't abuse it.

The Board is also working on the possibility of an extra boat ramp on the north side of the current boat ramp. Due to the higher lake level and the disappearance of our water break (thanks to a beaver and the lake level), sand bars have made using the concrete boat ramp almost impossible for some sailors. The northern side near the dinghy dock may be our best solution. This is still in the discussion stage, with Bink heading the talks.

2021 Board of Directors

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Elections Upcoming for 2022 WFSC Directors

Nominations are now being sought for Board of Directors for the upcoming year.

Some of the existing board members likely will continue on the job, but there will be room for several interested newcomers.

This is an opportunity for members to get involved in the day-to-day operation of the Club and in determining its future trajectory.

Please contact Commodore Halter - soon - if you're interested. A ballot will be organized and submitted to members for voting soon.

The votes will be tallied at the Annual Membership Meeting November 4, 7 p.m. at the Clubhouse.

