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Occasional Newsletter Of the Wichita Falls Sailing Club

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Commodore's Corner

By Debra Halter, 2022 Commodore

Summer is officially here, even though it's felt like it for a good while now. Please be aware of the effects of heat and high humidity when sailing. To combat the heat we're moving the skipper's meeting to 10 am for a few months.

We had a large gathering come out to the club for the relaunching of "Play Baby", including the children, grandchildren and great grandchildren of the boat's original owner. They said they didn't even know about his boat until the story ran on TV. They were so proud that someone took the time to restore their relative's boat. Hopefully, Jim will let us know when Texas Country Reporter runs the segment they filmed that day.

We want to welcome Jeff Gordon as our "new" webmaster. We all look forward to and support what he has to offer. If you would like to make a difference in our organization, please know that we have plenty of opportunities available. Board meetings (held on the first Thursday of each month) are open to all members. The board welcomes everyone's input. We will be looking for new officers for 2023, so keep that in mind, too.

Debra Halter, Commodore

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**The next WFYC board meeting is
scheduled for July 7th at 7 p.m. at
the Clubhouse.**

Sunday July 3rd 6:30

Please bring; your family out to the club for an evening of food, fireworks and fun! The Club will supply the hot dogs. All you have to bring is yourself and favorite beverage. The area behind the pavilion and boat ramp will be reserved for anyone or all that want to bring fireworks and set them off

We will be would be spraying for stickers before the July 3rd hot dog feed. We are aware of the sticker problem and we are doing something about it from East of the clubhouse to South of the clubhouse for sure.

Water Level

922.63

Level is 3.37 feet below full pool of 926.00 a of June 22 2022

A special thanks to Jeff Gordon for taking over our web site and Facebook. They already look better

2022 Board of Directors

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Off to the races

WFSC Big Boat News

Ahoy all you BIG BOAT lovers! The participation in the big boat fleet races has really been substantial this year. Let's keep it up and let's work on other BIG BOAT captains to get their boats in order and get out there with us!! We have had as many as 7 racers at one time this season. Our next series race is scheduled for August 6th at 10:00 AM for captain's meeting. I'm sure there will be exciting fireworks and extravaganza during this one...so all BIG BOAT captains come out and let's get to sailing!! I'd like to see 8 or more entries!! Don't forget the Hot Stuff Regatta on July 16th...all boats welcome.

WFSC One-Design News

We have moved well into summertime now, and the WFSC fleets have cycled through a number of race days as the season-long series continue.

Flying Scot Fleet 170 has encountered some weather issues, which forced cancellation of all its races during May. The regularly scheduled date and the make-up date were both whipped by very high winds.

On the other extreme, the June date (6-18) was threatened by a lack of wind. However, three hardy crews turned out anyway, and two short races were staged in the light conditions. Steve Priester won both, followed by Dave Brunner and Derrick Christoff.

So, with a total of five races (of a possible nine) completed thus far this year, the fleet is looking forward to its next regularly scheduled date - August 20 (skippers meeting at 10 a.m.) We are hoping to field more than a half dozen Scots then.

In the meantime, the Hot Stuff Regatta on July 16 will give skippers and crews a chance to shake off any rust that may have accumulated during the unanticipated down time.

It was good to welcome Dave Brunner and son Chris back to the fleet, as Dave had been laid up with some medical issues. Also noteworthy that Big Boat racer John Kidwell has joined the one-design fleet as crew aboard the Christoff Scot.

As always, big thanks to Deb Halter for running the race committee and to Jim Loudermilk for helping her out.

Texas 200

The Texas 200 is an annual race from Port Mansfield to Magnolia beach approximately 200 miles. This year there were close to 90 boats registered and two boats along with 4 sailors were from Wichita falls. Patrick Simmons and his mom Loren sailed the race on a Hobie 16. Also Brad Mick and Mike Gillis took part on a Strike 18. The only comment that I have heard so far is while making 20 plus knots is "Mom don't fall off."

Hope to have everyone's story for the next issue.

Dues

Remember dues go up beginning in July

Picnic Tables

Hey club members, your club has two old picnic tables in need of serious repair. They are available for free if you can think of how to repair & use them for your on use ! They must be removed from WFSC grounds. Please call Steve Priester 781-7016 & he can show you these tables



A special thanks to all that came out for the relaunching of Play Baby. We all had a lot of fun and more food than we could eat. It is hard to imagine a 92-year-old boat still floating and sailing like new. Again, Dee and I sure appreciated the support.

Jim