



# Hard-a-Lee

## Occasional Newsletter Of the Wichita Falls Sailing Club

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**December 14, 2022**

# MERRY CHRISTMAS

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## *Commodore's Corner*

By Debra Halter, 2022 Commodore

This is my final Commodore Corner. I've enjoyed riding herd on the board these last two years. We've accomplished quite a bit behind the scenes. Thank you to the 2022 Board of Directors: Vice Commodore: Glenn Tole, Rear Commodore - John Kidwell, Treasurer: Matt Baker, Secretary: Jim Loudermilk, Harbor Master: Mike Gillis, Grounds Chairman: Paul Spillman, House Chairman: Bink Davidson, Racing Committee Chairman: Steve Priester, and Past Commodore: Steve Colley. I've enjoyed riding herd on the board on you during the last year. Together, we've accomplished quite a lot.

The Christmas Party was, as usual, great fun. The "Bad Santa" gift exchange had its fair share of stolen gifts. Every year it reminds me of what Jim (my late husband, for those who didn't know him) used to say: "Sailboats run on alcohol". The spread from "The Branding Iron" was delicious, as were all of the deserts.

Sailing awards for the year:

Scots:

1st place - Steve Priester

2nd place - Matt Baker

3rd place - Dave Brunner

Big Boats:

1st place - Steve Colley

2nd place - John Kidwell

3rd place - Rip Medlinger

Glenn Tole also presented a special "Crewman of the Year" award to Jack Russell. As the oldest club member, Jack has always been up for a sail. He and Glenn have been skipper and crew for years.

There has been a group of night-sailors this year. John Kidwell presented several awards to them:

"Eager Beaver" Award to Rip Medlinger for being the first one in the water for most of the sails.

"Best Snake Wrangler" Award to Cheryl Davidson, for getting a stowaway snake off of Bink's and her boat.

"Best Navigator To Miss A Speedboat" to Larry Alhorn

"Most Sober Sailor to Sail the 40 mph Storm" Award to Derrick Christoff

"Happiest to Be on Dry Land" Award to Ronnie Brasket for surviving a sudden cold front's arrival.  
and "Best Bottle Hand-off" to John Kidwell

The best award, in my opinion, was recognition of my service as Race Committee. The necklace presented to me was lovely. The card signed by all of you was priceless. Thank you all.

Next year's Board of Directors are: Commodore: John Kidwell, Vice Commodore: Rip Medlinger, Rear Commodore - Glenn Spadin, Treasurer: Matt Baker, Secretary: Jim Loudermilk, Webmaster - Jeff Gordon, and myself as Past Commodore.

Have a great Christmas and a Happy New Year. I'll see all of you next year.

Commodore Debra Halter

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**A big thanks goes to Debra who has been our commodore for the last two years. She has done a great job of leading our club.**

**The next WFYC Board meeting is  
scheduled for January 5th at 7 p.m.  
at the Clubhouse.**

**To paraphrase a song from the 60's "Where has all the water gone"**

**Water Level**

**920.19**

Level is 5.81 feet below full pool of 926.00 as of December14, 2022

Who is up for a New Years Day sail



If anyone still ha a boat in the water make sue that all thru hulls are closed before the next cold spell. I learned the hard way

**2023 Board of Directors**

Commodore John Kidwell 940 781-310  
Vice Cmdr Rip Medlinger  
Rear Cmdr Glenn Spadin 940/500-0478  
Treasurer Matt Baker 940/923-7387  
Secretary Jim Loudermilk 817/600-5148  
Past Cmdr Debra Halter 940/782-1814  
Harbormaster To be appointed  
Grounds Chair To be appointed  
House Chair To be appointed  
Racing Chair To be appointed

## Christmas Party

We had a great Christmas party this year. Those of us that could not attend missed a great celebration.

There were several new awards given out. Glenn Tole recognized the best crew of the decade Mr. Jack Russell with an award. Of course, all the racing trophies. John recognized several of the night sailors. Rip was eager beaver 1st one on the water, Cheryl who wrangled a snake on Binks boat was best snake wrangler, most traumatized went to Ronnie Brasket when storm came in sooner than expected he was happy to make dry land, Derek Christoff was named most sober to help me sail the 40mph gust front and lastly Larry Alhorn was recognized best navigator who dodged a speed boat with 10 ft. It was a fun evening with great food and excellent desserts. Overall I think everyone had good time and enjoyed the venue. And we recognized David and Dr. Sandy Shawver for handling all the decorations!



