

## Hard-a-Lee

# Occasional Newsletter Of the Wichita Falls SailingClub

(Find us online at wfsail.org)

January 2023

# **Happy New Year**

### Commodore's Corner

Rain, rain, and more rain. As commodore, I am expected to bring the rain to Lake Arrowhead. I will be doing my best during the coming months to make it rain before April so we can all have a great sailing experience this 2023 season. You may see me at the club kneeling as I pray for rain, or you may see me performing a rain dance. If so, feel free to join me.

I appointed the following chairman for 2023. House chairman: David Shawver, Grounds chairman: Paul Spilman, Harbor master: Mike Gillis and Racing chairman: Steve Priester.

Our house chairman is a real go getter. He has already repaired the holes and rotten deck on the back porch. He has a lot of great ideas and is full of enthusiasm. A special thanks to Mike Gillis for helping with this project.

A few projects we plan to tackle this year include installing a handicap access ramp to the clubhouse. Paul Spilman has taken the lead in getting this project completed. Our plan is to purchase a 20' aluminum ramp and attach the ramp to the clubhouse deck near the front entrance stairs. The club will be asking for help to complete this project. I hope everyone sees the need for this project to be successful and helps do their part. Another project we plan to tackle includes improving the boat launch and retrieval area next to the dingy dock. Feel free to contact me about other projects you see that may help benefit the club to help encourage new members to join and make existing members' sailing experience better.

Mark "A" has been found and delivered back to the club. I found it along the beach on the peninsula and was able to drag it back to the club house grounds.

Thank you and may the rain come soon

Commodore John Kidwell

(John's contact information is 940-781-1310 (john@gas-corp.com)

The next WFYC Board meeting is scheduled for February 2nd at 7 p.m. at the Clubhouse.

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

## **Water Level**

919.87

Level is 6.13 feet below full pool of 926.00 as of January 12, 2023

#### STAGE ONE DROUGHT WATCH IN EFFECT

Wichita Falls, Texas- As of January 9, 2023, the combined lake levels of Lakes Kickapoo and Arrowhead have fallen below 65%. According to the Wichita Falls City Drought Ordinance, that level has put into effect the Stage 1 Drought Watch.

Watering hours are now restricted to the following:

Even numbered addresses can only water on Monday and Thursday.

Odd numbered addresses can only water on Tuesday and Friday.

The allowed hours on the designated day are from Midnight to 10 am or 7 pm to Midnight. Hand-held hose, soaker, and dripper irrigation are exempt from the above restrictions. If a home is served by a water well, it is required by law to be registered with the City of Wichita Falls Public Works Office. An online form is available at wichitfallstx.gov or you can call (940) 761-7477.

We should all wash our cars this weekend

#### 2023 Board of Directors

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All those with sunfish need to start getting them ready for spring. With the lake level going down we may have to stat the sunfish and small boat fleet again.

For those who missed Play Baby on Texas Country Reporter is will be back on January 22<sup>nd</sup>

1988 Who do you recognize?



A big thanks to David Shawver, Mike Gillis and John Kidwell for fixing the deck





This is a picture of the wheelchair ramp that we are considering



Along these lines are there any ideas for improving our club?