

THE WINDSONG



FROM THE COMMODORE

by Paul Harder

I look forward to another year of Sailing at WCSC. As always, I hope this will be the best year ever. I'm honored to be *your* WCSC Commodore for the 2013 calendar year. Your 2013 WCSC Board Of Stewards (BOS) is up and running. We have had one change from the November (December 1, 2012) Annual Meeting. Scott Lawrence found that his family needed more of his time. In an effort to give them that time, he resigned from the board after the annual meeting. During the January board meeting the BOS asked David Van Emburg to rejoin us, for his seventh year in a row, to fill out our full complement of eleven club officers. I hope you were able to attend the Annual Banquet on January 12, 2013 where we thanked Patrick Hopp for steering us in the right direction and I hope into deeper water in 2013.

I say *your* Commodore and I mean that. Call me at (864) 225-6941 and tell me the one thing you wish we could change, or better yet, invite me out for a sail or race on your boat. Or, if you would rather, I could take you sailing on Barefootin' on C-Dock. The best time to talk and listen is sailing on Hartwell Lake. So call me before I call you, as I hope to talk to each one of our members this year.

Coming up on Saturday, the second of February, we have our annual Chili Cook-Off. Please offer your help to Hugh Vantleven for that event. Also, that same night will be my first Meet and Greet. We invite all members to bring potential new members to increase our membership. The Meet and Greet will be on the first Friday of each month most of the time. Please check your calendar. My idea is to make these part of long weekends at the club. I tried to set up the Meet and Greet the Friday of big weekends at WCSC so you can come on down and enjoy the whole weekend. Also, you will see that the calendar states that at 1800 to bring grill food and enjoy the commodores company. I was hoping that we would meet around 1800 and visit while we grill and cook our food together, eat close to 1900 and then visit some more. This would be a great time to invite your friends to join you for a meal and talk about sailing.

Also, February 16th, Hal Smith and Dennis Baker will host a US Sailing Race Management Class. This is a great time to start learning about how to work a race day, brush up and get certified as a US Sailing Club Race Officer. Sign up online at our club web site to hold your reservation and seat for this class. The Seminar check-in will be at 0800. The class will start at 0830 and will finish about 1700. Cost for the course is FREE to WCSC members.

A Storm's a Brewin...

By Dennis Baker, Vice Commodore

A few weeks back I was at the lake. I had every intention of doing some repairs to our San Juan 28 that resides on C dock. A line of thundershowers had passed through the night before and it was supposed to clear off sometime that morning. It was a perfect opportunity to get down to the boat and tinker a bit and make sure our dock lines were in good shape.

Well, this was December and as these things go, it didn't clear off until much later in the afternoon. I was there at about 1100 and the wind was HOWLING out of the south and it was misting/ raining while the temperature hovered near 50. It was a raw day indeed.

I took the opportunity to sit on the point for a while and just amaze at the lake when she's angry and be thankful for this piece of property we have been blessed with. The rollers were coming across the lake and it was beginning to froth. It was blowing 30 with gusts to the high 30's. As I sat there in my nice warm truck watching, it occurred to me that I needed to go check on our boat. I had already dismissed the idea of working on it, way to cold.

It's at these times that one can see why well maintained dock lines are important. Boats were rocking and rolling in their slips like wild broncos trying to free themselves. If you have not seen the lake in these conditions, you should. I learned my lesson some years back when our San Juan worked herself free from our mooring and headed towards the rocks. Some very kind members of our club assisted me that day. I got lucky, the keel hit mud before it got to the rocks.

Don't be "That Guy" ... Tend to your dock or mooring lines. We will have days when "It's blowing like Stink". Make sure your boat is ready for it. If she is, she will be happily rolling on her mooring or dancing in her slip.



Workdays

By Derek Lord, Rear Commodore

Please mark your calendars for our first unplanned, and first official work days. The unplanned workday is not on the printed club calendar, but is scheduled for the morning of Saturday, February 2 (the same day as the Chili Cook-off). House Committee Chair Keith Schrecengost and Patrick Hopp have the parts required to address some issues with the club house heads, and now need some manpower – no experience required. Please send Keith an e-mail if you're willing to help out at keithschrecengost@gmail.com.

Our first official workday is on the club calendar for the morning of Saturday, March 2. Since this is also Commissioning Day for the club we will be placing special emphasis on cleaning up our grounds after the winter windstorms. There is brush to be cleared, wood to be moved, and plenty of other projects to get everything back in order.

As a friendly reminder, all members owe their club five hours of Fair Share before July 1 and ten hours by December 31. Notice that I intentionally used the terms *owe their club*. That is to emphasize that this is *your* club. If you see an area of the club you can improve, please get in touch with the party in charge of that area, and tell them about your idea. We all have strengths that can benefit the club. The Fair Share program is not there to punish members for not working, but rather to encourage them to use their skill in a way that improves the club. In doing so, they benefit the whole membership.

I hope to see you all at the workdays before the Chili Cook-off February 2 before Commissioning Day on March 2 to kick off our sailing season.

Welcome to New Members

by Spencer Mathews

A new member orientation on October 9 welcomed Ron and Martha Sanga to WCSC. They are experienced sailors who own both a Catalina 22 (Sail #14214) and a Cape Dory 25 (*WINDHORSE*). For the time being, only the Catalina is at the club. Ron has been sailing since he was a boy; but wants to be able to talk to and learn from other sailors. He was disappointed in previous places he had kept his boat in that he never got to talk sailing with the owners of other vessels. The Sangas have another hobby about which they are passionate – mountain climbing. Ron guides trips in Nepal and has climbed the highest peaks on each of the seven continents. They are planning a trip to Nepal in the near future. Not surprisingly, Ron's profession was stone repair (believe it or not) on high rise buildings. He is also SCUBA certified. Martha is in Information Technology with Sealed Air. I regret not having a photo to attach to this introduction, but they have posted one on the club roster on the website.



Geri and Gonzalo

Geraldine Cart and Gonzalo Rojas joined our group at an orientation conducted on October 20. They are new additions to our international members, Geraldine having grown up in Germany, in Baden-Baden near the Black Forest and in France and Gonzalo, in Mexico City. They have purchased a Catalina 25, *SPARROW*, and are considering renaming her – so they are interested in the proper ceremony for renaming a vessel. I'm sure they'd appreciate hearing from those among us who've done that. Since moving to the Upstate, they've been attracted to outdoor sports (camping, kayaking, mountain biking) and were in the market for a power boat until they heard about and signed up

for Ron Moede's adult learn-to-sail class. For them it was a '...solution from heaven...'. They were hooked. Gonzalo is an electrical engineer with Bosch. Geri (pronounced "Geddy") has not landed a job yet, but her specialty is international business and marketing. They are a delightful young couple that I'm sure you'll enjoy meeting.



Bonnie and Bud

Bud and Bonnie Bush had their orientation on November 4. They had met former Commodore, Ben Crider, and were introduced to the club that way. Indeed, Bud took Ben's place on race committee for one of our club races and made the acquaintance of Derek Lord at that time. The Bush's don't have a boat yet and are interested in getting rides on several before they decide which type they ultimately prefer. The only option they seem to have settled on is that it should be a keelboat. They do have some sailing experience that many of us would envy, having completed the ASA 101, 103, and 104 certification courses and having chartered in the Keys and around Charleston. They're counting on the fact that local sailing will allow them to sail more frequently. They both come originally from Ohio, but have lived in Atlanta and in South Carolina for the past 25 years. They have two sons: Patrick, who's 25, and Colin, who's 20. Bud has been in both the Navy and the Army, most recently doing IT work in Afghanistan for the Fluor company. He's been interested in sailing since childhood. Bonnie's interest in water activities stems, she says, from the fact that she grew up on a farm and didn't have access to large bodies of water. She works with A. T. Locke, an accounting management company. If you get the chance, offer them a sail on your boat so they can get the background they seek in choosing one of their own.

New Members (cont.)



Greg

Greg Dimitrew came to the club for his orientation on January 8, 2013. He's our first member of the new year. An electrical engineering student at Clemson, Greg is interested in pursuing a career in nuclear energy. He got this interest from his father who served on nuclear submarines. Greg is a native of South Carolina and sails a Galillee 15 - a sloop rigged 15 ft. dinghy - now, but his grandparents live in Maryland and he learned to sail in Sunfish and Flying Scots on Deep Creek Lake in that state. The lake is very near Deer Park, Maryland where Scots are built. He has also raced Lasers. Before Greg matriculated at Clemson, he spent two years at Sewanee where he played lacrosse. His boat is named *MARINER* (sail # 333). As do many of our new members, Greg found out about us through Art Rouse at West Marine. He hopes to participate in both the Portsmouth and PHRF fleets - so those who are looking for crew should look him up. And I'd appreciate it if everyone else looked for an opportunity to welcome him to our club.

15th Annual WCSC Chili & Dessert Cook-off



By Hugh VantLeven



- 2013 marks the 15th annual chili cook-off.
- The cook-off will be held February 2 at 1800.
- All members are invited. Admission is \$10 per family or 5 canned goods per person for the local food bank.
- Children 7 and under eat free.
- Anyone interested in participating is welcome. Chili and/or the dessert of your choice.
- There is no cost to enter the cook-off.
- Recognition will be awarded for best chili, best chili presentation, best dessert and best dessert presentation.
- Judging will be determined by all attendees using most tickets per contestant. 1st, 2nd and 3rd places will be awarded in each category.
- Bread, salad, adult beverages and soft drinks will be provided.
- Contact Hugh VantLeven for additional information.
- hughvantleven@aol.com or (864) 367-0037



Parking

By Paul Harder



Parking is not always close to where you need or want to park your car or boat. Please do not block other cars or boats. If you need to drop off your cooler and gear for the weekend, please park close to the path you need to take and either move your car or leave your keys in your car. When I first joined the club back in 1981 I was told an unwritten rule was to leave your keys in your car when parking in the main lot. I know leaving your keys in your car is not a good idea in general, so everyone needs to respect their fellow sailors. On race days the main lot gets crowded and is a good place to talk and get help with your boat. Just be mindful as others come and go that you are not stopping someone from getting to their boat.

Boating Safety

By Dan Marett

On March 10, 2013, the Safety Committee will offer a program of the SC DNE approved Boater Safety Education Course. SC law requires that any person under the age of 16 who operates any motorized vessel with more than 15 hp, without having an adult on board the vessel (includes jet skis), must have successfully completed a SC DNR or SC DNR-approved Boater Safety Education Course and must have proof of completion of the course. The course will be taught by a SCDNR certified instructor.

In addition to the SC law requirement for those under 16 years of age, most insurance companies give a discount on insurance if all the operators of any insured boat have successfully completed this course.

The course is free, the printed book is free. You will need to bring 2 #2 pencils to take the required exam at the end which is open book. The course will run from 1000 to 1700 with a lunch break. Lunch is also free and provided by Teddy Marett.

You must register by March 5 by email to dananbear@gmail.com. I think you will enjoy this valuable course.



Flying Scot Dixie Lakes District Championships

By John Kreidler

WCSC will be hosting the Flying Scot Dixie Lakes District Championships on April 13/14, 2013. This is an event I have been working to land for the last couple years and finally have a date scheduled with the class. This will be a great event as I expect many boats from all over the Southeast to descend on WCSC. I look forward to showing the Flying Scot class a great time and good sailing on Lake Hartwell.

We have a pretty active Flying Scot fleet at WCSC with 8 boats active and racing members. I expect most if not all of the local guys to compete. Come out and support our local guys as they tee it up against FS sailors from other local clubs (Keowee Sail Club, Lake Murray Sail Club, Lake Norman Yacht Club) and competitors from locations as far away as Florida, Tennessee, Georgia, Virginia and Maryland. It will be a great time racing while showing off our club.

I will be needing some help with many onshore items and would love to have some volunteers come forward. For instance, I will need help with registration, food, photography, video and other onshore support roles. If you would like to help, send me a note at jakreidler@mindspring.com. I could use your help.

If you have any questions or want to help, contact me at jakreidler@mindspring.com.



Golden Anniversary Commissioning Day

By Lisa Craft

Come join us in celebrating the start of WCSC's 50th sailing season! Mark your calendars for Saturday, March 2nd and join us for an afternoon of pageantry, fun, friends, and good food! The ceremony starts at 1500 with a gathering hour following. At 1700, join us for a good old fashioned Southern meal with great homemade desserts. Please come and be a part of history! Remember, we will hold the ceremony rain or shine! We had to have a few of these celebrations inside due to bad weather. Also, if you know any former members of the club, please invite them to join us for the afternoon. If you have any questions or would like to help, please contact Lisa Craft. Hope to see you there!

Help Needed

By Paul Harder

WCSC has club members working more than the ten hours of Fair Share required each year. Several of our members worked over a hundred hours each, not just last year but many times. What some club members do not know is that WCSC Rules and Regulations states "All boats and other equipment stored on Club property shall be maintained in a safe condition and reasonably good appearance". To me that means you should clean and use it at least once a year. If you have a tree growing in the cockpit of your boat, you probably have not done this in a couple of years and should not sound despondent when a Club Officer notices and takes the time to call you. Each member should cut the grass under and around any property you have stored at WCSC. If you have a flat tire and cannot move your boat you need to spend some time maintaining your property or you may lose the privilege (it's not a right) to keep things stored at WCSC.

Each WCSC club member is required to pay your dues on time and, if necessary, explain any discrepancy in your bill. The \$10 fine for being late is extra work for Mary Ann Caldwell, who has been doing this for over twenty years. To help her out, add up your total bill (add in any fair share if you know you will not be able to do your ten hours) for the year and pay that the first quarter. That would help Mary Ann, the sailing club (we could start projects earlier) and you would have three less bills to pay the rest of the year. I did this myself for a couple of years. Each member has at least one day of serving on Race Committee and some members volunteer more than one day. Also, you are required to work *ten hours* of Fair Share each year and *five hours* are needed to be filled before June 30th of each year.

Mainly, aim to keep things better than you do at home. If each member did what they are supposed to do then other club members would have a lot less work. As Dan would say "Do I need to get your Mother to tell you what to do?"

US Sailing Race Management Course

By John Kreidler

WCSC is hosting the US Sailing Race Management Course on Saturday February 16th in the Clubhouse. The course will be taught by our own Hal Smith and Ted McGee from Lake Lanier. Both Hal and Ted have many years of PRO and Race Management experience and do a great job leading the course.

The course will be free to WCSC members.

The class will start at 0830 with registration at 0800 and end about 1630. Coffee, donuts, along with a pizza lunch will be provided.

You should attend the course if...

...you are a PRO that is scheduled to run a club race, a Regatta or any other club race event in 2013. If you have not attended a Race Management course in the last

couple years, you need to renew your US Sailing race certification to qualify for your Fair Share hours. Attending the course will keep you up to date with recent changes and will familiarize you with the basics of US Sailing Race Management

...you are a racer and want to better understand the mechanics and details of running a race. This course will go thru all the details you need to completely understand flags, starts, course setup, course changes, etc.

...you are assigned to a race committee for WCSC in 2013. This is a good way to understand the details of basic race management and provide educated help to your PRO to run successful races

If you are going to attend, please let us know early so we can plan on the correct amount of food and class materials. You can sign up by sending an email to Dennis Baker at dkb_4_98@yahoo.com or sign up online at www.wcsc-sailing.org.

Limited seating is available, sign up early at www.wcsc-sailing.org.

The Juniors Corner

By Joe Martin, Junior Committee

The word this month is more than just a word. It is a day in history. October 21.

1520 - Ferdinand Magellan discovers a strait now known as Strait of Magellan

1774 - First display of the word "Liberty" on a flag, raised by colonists in Taunton, Massachusetts in defiance of British rule in Colonial America.

1797 - In Boston Harbor, the 44-gun United States Navy frigate USS *Constitution* is launched.

1879 - Thomas Edison invented a workable electric light at his laboratory in Menlo Park, N.J.

2012 – The racing yacht *Slow Poke* won race 32 in the Centerboard Fleet at WCSC. Meriel Phelan's first win..... ever. Huzzah! Mom and Dad were also onboard.

Not a lot of on the water activity going in the Junior Fleet currently with school and other activities consuming time.

Plans are beginning to formulate for 2013. We are working on the budget. Discussing additional boats for the training fleet. Expanding the dates and starting earlier in the season next year, when there is breeze. We will keep you posted.

Kids, don't forget to ask for all the cool sailing goodies from Santa.

Comments and suggestions always welcome. Please share your thoughts with Hanna, Patrick or me. Until later...

Keelboat Fleet

*By Steve Kiemele (rhymes with Emily)
2013 Keelboat Fleet Captain
J/24 #3009 Cahoots
Santana 20 #368 Chubasco (occasionally)
skiemele@hartcom.net*

The Keelboat fleet had an active racing season in the fall. We completed 13 of 18 scheduled races with an average of 4.1 boats competing in A class and 4.6 in the B class. Unfortunately, lack of wind resulted in 5 of the races not being started. The most boats participated in the races on September 29 with a total of 11 boats (7 in A class and 4 in the B class).

The top results in the A class were:

Marc Bailey, sailing his Melges 24 *Screaming Mimi* took 1st place in the season with all 1st place finishes except for one 3rd.

Brian Hampton, sailing his Star *Rondori*, finished 2nd for the first time. For some reason, Brian has now sold this boat...

Close behind Brian was your author sailing J/24 *Cahoots* in 3rd place.

The top results in the B class were:

Perennial winner Dick Harder was 1st sailing his Lindenburg 22 *Lucky Lindy*.

Perennial bridesmaid Mike Harrison finished 2nd sailing his Catalina 22 *Old Yeller*.

Newcomer Craig Lenfestey was close behind in 3rd sailing his Catalina 22 *Cattitude*.

Rick Fontenot joined us for a number of races sailing his Corsair 24 Trimaran *Cowardly Lion*. In one race, Rick finished first over the A class boats. Unfortunately, the *Cowardly Lion* lacks a keel so it is ineligible to be scored in the series but we enjoyed Rick's company on the race course and afterward.

Following the competitors' meeting on 3 race days, we had a review of the rules applicable at the start, the windward mark, and the leeward mark for those who wished to participate.

Our 2013 Spring Series of six race days begins March

3rd. Each race day, 3 races are scheduled with an intended duration of 45 minutes each. We meet in the clubhouse for lunch at 1100 (\$4 to \$5 donation per person expected). At 1130, we have the competitors' meeting and discuss the plans for the day. The warning signal for the first race is planned for 1300 with the other two races following ASAP. No race will be started after 1630. After the races, we gather at the "Tiki Bar" (at the head of D dock) for snacks, refreshments, scores, and "stories."

Our fleet by-laws and sailing instructions can be found on the club website under "Club Documentation, Keelboat Fleet Documentation." We sail under US Sailing's Performance Handicap Racing Formula (PHRF) where inherently faster boats (based on design, not skill) are handicapped against those that are not so fast.

If you have any interest in racing, our fleet is a great way to get started. The racing is generally low-key with a minimum of "discussion" on the water. If you would like to get started as a crew member, please let me know in advance of a race day and I'll try to find you a ride.

COMMISSIONING DAY

SATURDAY, MARCH 2nd

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Ceremony at 1500 hours

Gathering Hour

Dinner at 1700 hours

Come celebrate the start of the 2013 sailing season. Join us for an old fashioned Southern Dinner with a meat and three with homemade desserts!

COST: FREE!

If you have any questions or would like to help set up tables, please call Lisa Craft at (864) 933-7908.



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January	19	1200	Frostbite #2	
February	02	0800	Unplanned Work Day	
		1800	Chili Cookoff, Meet & Greet	
	05	1900	Board Meeting	
	09	1200	Frostbite #3	
	16	0800	US Sailing Race Mgmt Class	
	23	1200	Frostbite #4	
March	02	0800	Work Day #1	
		1500	Commissioning Day	
	03	1000	Keelboat Fleet Meeting	
	03	1300	Keelboat Race #1	J.KREIDLER, W.Lehmann, S.Whitehead, M.Bromley, A.Ducworth, C.Lane
	05	1900	Board Meeting	
	08	1800	Commodore Meet and Greet	
	09	1000	Centerboard Fleet Meeting	
	09	1300	Centerboard Race #1	C.BALLEW, B.Young, F. Metherell, P. Finazzo Sr., R.Bringleson, C.Bush
	16	1300	Keelboat Race #2	B.BENSON, E.Skewes, E.Jacobson, E.Stewart, J.Endicott, R.Sanga
	17	1300	Centerboard Race #2	M.BAILEY, C.Arnold, H.Edwards, S.Luthi, M.Miros, J.Brannon
	23	1300	Centerboard Race #3	B.BUSBY, M.Hellstrom, R.Bannister, M.McDonald, C.Rubenstein, J.Kathe, G.Cart
	24	1300	Keelboat Race #3	D.BYRD, J.Yarbro, F.Mendenhall, D.Boyer, R.McBride, B.Gibson
	30	1000	Dam Distance Race	