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Commodore's Corner

By Glenn Brandon

It has been great to see the great turn outs we've been having for the functions at the club. I hope that with spring in the air they will get bigger and better.

I also want to thank all of the guys and gals that have been doing all the work around here and supporting the work parties.

I would like to hear from all of you as to what kind of club functions you would like to see around here so we can get some of them implemented.

The Boom Vang; did you ever wonder what to do with it? This line from the boom to the mast step is vital for controlling the shape of the main, especially in windy days and going downwind. Its primary purpose is to control the lift of the boom (and sail twist) while going downwind; the vang also allows you to control the twist of the sail while beating. So how much do you tug on the vang or not tug on the vang to make it work? I never knew, I just tugged on it and hoped it helped.

What you look for is the luff along the mast and the telltales attached to the battens. Tighten the vang enough to keep all the batten telltales flowing freely aft without causing them to wrap around the leech either to leeward or windward.

Varying sheet settings and vang settings will accomplish the goal of getting the entire sail to produce maximum drive from all points along the sail. So come go sailing, have some fun and try it out.

Catalina 22 Regatta at LWSC

By Jim Holcomb

May 18,19,20 2001

The plans for the Region 8 Regatta are coming along. The Notice of Race and Registration forms have been mailed to the all Region 8 members. Dinner has been arranged once again with Vance Godbey's. Polo shirts are ordered and caps are being researched. The PRO for the regatta is Bob Gough. Regatta insurance will be done at the end of March.

There are still items to be completed and jobs to be filled. The clubhouse, docks and grounds need repair and clean up before May 12.

Jobs for the Regatta:

Race Committee (3)
(Pilot, Flags & Scoring)
RC Mark Set Boat (2)
RC Chase Boat (2)
Harbor Master (1)
Parking (2)
Security (2)
Registration & Shirt Sales (2)
Friday Night Party Host
Saturday Night Party Host
Breakfast Crew (2-3)
Saturday & Sunday Lunch Crew (2-3)

If you want to serve on one of these jobs contact Britt, Kevin Glen or me. Don't be shy you will have a good time.

Acknowledgments & Accolades

By Linda Holcomb

“Lisa & Bruce Naro”

That’s right Bruce Naro is a married man. They were married on March 1, 2001 on the island of Maui, Hawaii in a quiet and private wedding. They are back home in Knoxville, Tenn.

Congratulations, Lisa and Bruce from all your friends at the club. Come see us soon.

Irish Eyes Are Smiling

The St. Patrick’s Day Party group was a nice mix of members, guests and new applicants, Gordon Kayser won the LWSC pendant; Bob Young was a hit as bartender and game moderator; we all toasted each other with traditional Irish quotes and sipped “Black & Tans”. Thanks to everyone who helped with decorations & food.

“ There are good ships,
And there are wood ships,
The ships that sail the sea
But the best ships, are friendships
And may they always be.”

Santana 20 News

By Marianne Peterson, Fleet Captain

If you wish to get checked out on the Santana’s please give me a call, 817-726-5990, and I will get someone scheduled to meet with you. We have also scheduled Santana practices on the following Sundays: April 1, 8 and 22 from 10am to Noon. This would be a great time to get checked out, the practices are for both novice and experienced.

HEY WOMEN THAT MEANS YOU TOO!!!

Let’s go practice and have some fun and learn a lot. Hopefully, we can have several boats out for the Women’s Race on Opening Weekend.

Vice Commodore’s News

By Jim Hannon

I have posted a list of little jobs that need to be done at the club. If you would like to do some work and can’t make the work parties this will help a lot. Just pick an item on the list, complete the task, and sign the list so I know who to give credit to for the work.

Jobs to do around the club:

1. Pick up all the tree limbs laying around the club property and put in woodpile.
2. Cut all wood in woodpile to length and stack on top of other cut wood.
3. Install Hinge on west dock at "T" head and dock. See Hannon for Hinge and parts.
4. Pour concrete in hole around chimney and float out smooth. See Hannon for tools.
5. Pick up all paper and trash laying around the property and put in trash bags.
6. Clean up the front Beach area and put all trash in bags.
7. Check and repair all broken and leaking garden hoses. See Hannon for repair parts.
8. Clean out Sunfish sail shed and repair doors to shed.
9. Clean out work shed by hoist and stow away all Santana parts in their racks.
10. Pick a Santana and clean boat inside and out, list any breakage or problems.

Race Committee News

By Kevin and Gary

Spring Series

The Spring Series will have 5 races.
April 1, 8 and 22 and May 6 and 27.

Opening Weekend

April 27, 28 and 29 will be Opening Weekend.

Races scheduled are:

Men's and Women's Sunfish

Men's and Women's Auxiliary

Catamaran

Board Boat

Regatta News

By Jim

Arlington Yacht Club is holding their 34th Annual Regatta on May 4, 5 & 6. They have recently purchased seven Sunfish for club boats and hope that some of our Sunfish sailors will come over and share our experience. Other fleets that will be sailing are MC Scow and Catalina 22. Registration forms are available at the Club.

Ft. Worth Boat Club is holding their 2nd Annual Heineken Regatta April 27, 28 & 29, three races Saturday and two races Sunday. This is for Keelboats and Dinghies, 5 boats constitute a class. Registration forms are available at the Club.

Secretary Treasurer

By Jim Holcomb

Boat Stickers

Once again the yearly boat stickers are due. If your boat is in the water it has a sticker on it. The fee for the sticker is \$12.00, make checks payable to LWSC. Remember that the fine for boating on Lake Worth without a Lake Sticker can go as high as \$200.00. Don't leave port without one.

C-22 Regatta Forms

The Notice of Race and Registration forms for the C-22 Regatta are included with this newsletter. This will give you an idea of what will take place and when. If you are going to help out, or come to dinner or want to buy a shirt and are not one of the racers, fill out the form so we can get an accurate head count for the regatta.

Applications for Membership

We have three applications for membership this month, please mark your ballot and return.

Luther Mergner

Luther is a member of the Benbrook Sailing Club, most recently as the Vice Commodore. He has also been the Race Committee Chairman several times. He owns a shoal draft Swan 24 that now has water under it instead of grass and will be pulling it from Benbrook soon. When he was a teenager he crewed in races at LWSC and fondly remembers racing against David Grubbs. Marty Keoughan and Randy Vastlik recommend Luther.

Tony Lee

Tony and his wife Kathy are in the process of moving from Houston to Ft. Worth. They sail in Galveston Bay and have sailed in the Harvest Mum Regatta and in the Islands. Jim Hannon recommends Tony.

Michael Jackson

Michael and wife Shannon are new to sailing. They went for a sail while on vacation in Hawaii and have been hooked ever since. They have purchased the MAC 22 from Kelly Lawless and made their maiden solo sail this month. Michael works for Simuflite and is also a private pilot. Jim Hannon recommends Michael.