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Commodore's Corner

By Brian McMillan

Greetings to all and welcome to the New Year. We have started off the 2008 season on a very positive note. The Frostbite Race and Chili Cook-off were a blast!! It was the first time I have seen such a great turnout. Fourteen boats showed up to race, and three or four more just came out for the fun. I had some reservations about how fast my boat could go until this race. It is official, Oink, Oink. Granted, there was no wind, but I did not even finish!! My daughter bailed on me when the committee boat had to come out to replenish the cooler. Jim Holcomb and Luther Mergner won with Phil Stuckey and his sidekick Linda a close second. I asked Jack Speight why it was that Jim wins a lot of races when there is no wind. His reply was "weight". It was then it occurred to me that Jim and Luther don't weight all that much.

We are having our Valentines party on Sat. Feb. 16th. The girls are getting together to create another feast. Pork loin with an apple glaze and chicken will be served with new potatoes, mixed vegetables and desert. Appetizers will also be available. It will be a buffet style affair so everyone will be sure to get their fill. A \$10.00 per plate donation will help cover the cost of supplies. Bring your sweetheart and appetite. BYOB.

Spring is in the air and our mixers are back! Stay tuned for exact dates but we will host one every month. Bring a dish and join in the fun. The food is always great with plenty of variety to please everyone.

Glen Hardy has volunteered to direct a sailing camp for the youth of our club. For those of you that don't know, Glen is a very accomplished sailor and can usually be spotted streaking by on a laser, providing the wind is blowing over 30 knots. Glen will let everyone know the details, but I would encourage parents to get their kids involved. This is a great chance for the kids to learn a lot. Glen has asked to borrow a few of the sunfish, so if you own one he would appreciate the use of your boat.

We have decided that finishing the electrical work will be top priority. This will also allow us to finish the siding on the clubhouse. The power may be temporarily down but we will do everything we can to make it go smoothly.

In closing, I invite everyone to come out and enjoy our club. We may not be the fanciest sailing club, but we wear the crown when it comes to having fun!!

See ya soon,
Brian

Annual Frostbite Race

Our annual Frostbite race wasn't exactly frosty, but a little jingle works to Gilligan's Island...

Just sit right back and you'll hear a tale,
A tale of the Frostbite Race,

It started at the sailing club at a hurried pace.

Our sailors were all set to go, their gear all secure.
Fourteen boats set sail that day, for a three-hour tour,
A three-hour tour.

The winds kept getting calmer, the coolers emptied fast,
If not for the pride of our sailors, worrying who would be last,
Who would be last?

The course had been charted and the race about to start,
When the wind just died, leaving you and I
waiting for an alibi,
to bail our race and feed our face
At the one and only Lake Worth Sailing Club!

Congratulations to our place winners:

1 st	Jim Holcomb
2 nd	Phil Stuckey
3 rd	Kevin Culver

Chili Cook-Off

There were 20 great pots of chili this year, a record amount. Thanks to all who participated and to our judges, Alex, Heather and Matt who handled it all very well.

Congratulations to the winners:

1 st	Gina Stout
2 nd	Kim Gross
3 rd	Jennifer Crow

Lifetime Membership

The votes are in! Jack Speight is our new Lifetime Member. Congratulations Jack, this is well deserved.

Lost & Found

Binoculars-Zeiss German Army, heavyweight, Armor coated, may say NVA on body, has reticle, individual eyepieces. Please check your binoculars to see if you picked up the wrong pair. Owner is desperate for their return. We ask that you return them to the club at once, no questions asked.

There is a pair of binoculars at the club that have not been claimed. Maybe someone donated them?

Lake Stickers

It will be every member's responsibility to obtain lake stickers for 2008. We are no longer able to provide this service, as they now require correct owner information and addresses. The application can be found online at:

www.fortworthgov.org/uploadedFiles/Water/boatsticker.pdf or, you can visit the office directly (call for hours)

City of Fort Worth

Lake Worth Management Office

7601 Cahoba Drive

Fort Worth, Texas 76135-4416

(817) 237-6890

2008 stickers are now available in person or by mail.

Upcoming Events – Dates to Remember

2/16/08 6:00p	Valentine's Day Party
3/02/08 12:30p	Board Meeting
3/09/08 6:00p	Potluck
3/15/08 6:00p	St. Patrick's Day Party
4/06/08 12:30p	Board Meeting
4/13/08 6:00p	Potluck
4/26-27/08 10:00a	Opening Weekend
5/16/18/08	LWSC hosts Catalina 22 Regatta

Other Club Announcements

Our potlucks will continue this year on the 2nd Sunday of every month.

The Annual C-22 Regatta will be held at LWSC on May 16-18, 2008 and the National's will be held @ Grapevine Lake, May 25-30, 2008. Come on out, we could use some more volunteers to help out this year.

Rumor has it some of the women would like to have a dessert contest. We've added it to our schedule for opening weekend in April.

Want to add to our newsletter? Send it in an email to lakeworthsailingclub@yahoo.com.

Classified Section

FOR SALE - LASER PICO

In, pristine condition – only taken out on water 2 times. Accessories include: Trailer, boat cover, sail bag, main Sheet and jib. \$2500.00 obo. Call 817-237-2480 or 817-721-8087, leave a message. For details & pics see: http://www.hitempo.com/hitemposail/vanguard_pico.html

FOR SALE - SAN JUAN 24'

2002 Mercury 15 H.P. electric start, 110% Blade, 150% Jib, 170% Drifter, 1 Tri-Radial Spinnaker, Spinnaker pole, Adjustable Whisker pole, V-Berth, port double berth/dinette, head, sink, storage bins, starboard single berth. Dual batteries with trickle charger, VHF.

Contact Ron at 214-693-6751 or 817-237-0763 leave a message.

New Member Applications/Ballots

We have five applications for membership. Please vote.

Cindy Speer-McMillan She is recommended by Brian McMillan. They own a Clipper 23. We have all witnessed her fine work and support of the club over the last few years.

Robert Zucco He is recommended by Jon Schwake. He owns an O'Day 20 and has been sailing it at the club since this last fall. Robert lives and works in Saginaw.

Jeff Boemer Jeff and Katherine are recommended by Jim Holcomb. They have a son Zach who is 10 and they own a Sweet 16. They live and work in Ft. Worth. Jeff's dad John and his wife Marilyn are avid Catalina 22 sailor that have been to all of our C-22 Regattas.

Mark Lambeth He is recommended by Mike Butler. Mark recently purchased the O'Day 22 from Vincent Giardino. He lives in Aledo and is looking forward to sailing on Lake Worth.

Dean Hill Dean and Bonnie are recommended by Luther Mergner. They live in Benbrook and own a Starwind 223. Dean has sailed at the club many times, often with Gordon Kayser when he was an active member before Gordon and Mary moved their boat to Lake Livingston.