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## **Commodore's Corner**

*By Brian McMillan*

I am sure glad that spring is here. People are in better moods, warm weather is right around the corner and fun things are in the forecast. It is a great time of year to look forward to doing the things we all love to do. Winter sucks!!

Our Valentine's party was a lot of fun. Patti Gay, Patty Malone, and Cindy McMillan joined forces to decorate the clubhouse and put together a meal most other people don't have the chance to experience. They have spoiled us. Thank you girls for a lot of hard work. It would be way different without you.

Other thanks go out to the other members that show up and help. Jim Holcomb and a kinda old looking guy (Bob Crow) enclosed the patio. Glen Hardy loaded up the firewood, and then Carl Perry whipped it out! He broke out his guitar and amplifier and provided music for the evening. He is pretty damned good.

St. Patrick's Day party was another event that the girls went to town on. A lot of time and effort resulted in another outstanding evening with traditional Irish cuisine. Again, thank you girls, what a posse. I don't understand the members that miss out on these events but it's not my problem.

We have had two work parties in the month of March. The siding on the clubhouse is up and looking good. And a lot of work has been done on the docks as well. It is unfortunate, but it is always the same faces that show up at the work parties but so far some of our brand new members have come out to help. I appreciate the input guys. It's guys like you that keep things taken care of with very little appreciation. A couple of the gals got a work project of their own. The committee boat has been sanded and prepped for new paint. Good job everyone!

Don't forget to make plans to come out and join us for opening weekend April 26-27. There will be lots of racing going on (a race for everyone who wants to participate). Good food is a standard and good company!! Come and bring the family for a fun weekend.

Our annual Regatta is the next event. This will take place on May 16th through May 18th. A lot of boats are expected and I can give you a personal guarantee that we are going to have a blast. As usual, everyone is invited so make plans to get off your arse and attend.

Congrats to the new members. It is always great to welcome new members. Get involved! We have a jewel of a club. As the old saying goes, "the more the merrier". If you haven't been out for a while, make plans to. We will meet you at the club so feel free to join us. The fun is always free. See y'all soon,

Brian.

P.S. Thank-you Ben and Kitra for taking me out on your beautiful yacht, Wow!!

## **Welcome New Members**

Lifetime member: Jack Speight

New Members:

Jeff Boemer  
Steve Collins  
Candy Harrington  
Dean Hill  
Mark Lambeth  
Cindy Speer-McMillan  
Robert Zucco

Our roster is now full!

## Race Committee

With warmer weather approaching Gary will be working on assigning members to committee boat duty. Maybe there will be points involved!

The Winter Series is complete. Unfortunately this was a very short series due to the weather gods that be.

### Standings:

1. Sallee
2. Holcomb
3. Hardy
4. McMillan
5. Perry
6. Crow
7. Stokely/Malone (Tied)
8. Gillihan
9. Noyes - or was there another tie?

The Spring Series is now underway with 2 races left to go. The Summer Series is set to start after all the festivities have died down, the second Sunday in June.

## Sunfish Classes for Kids!

Glen Hardy will be hosting Sunfish classes for the kids. Maybe some of us taller kids can get in on it too! Classes will be held on Tuesday evenings @ 6:00p. Dates: 5/6, 5/13, 5/20 & 6/3. Classes will be added as needed.

Are you a member who has a boat to lend? Please let us know. You can call Glen @ 817-495-6515 or send an email [lakeworthsailingclub@yahoo.com](mailto:lakeworthsailingclub@yahoo.com)

Send an email or see the sign up sheet in the clubhouse to sign up your child, prior to classes starting.

## Upcoming Events – Dates to Remember

4/13/08 4:30p	Potluck
4/13/08 6:00p	Regatta Volunteer Meeting
4/19/08 6:00p	Full Moon Sail
4/26/08 10:00a	Opening Weekend
4/27/08 1:00p	Opening Weekend <i>**note time change</i>
5/07/08 6:00p	Dock Series starts
5/10/08 9:00a	Clean up Party for Regatta
5/16-18/08	LWSC hosts Catalina 22 Regatta
5/24/08 6:00p	Full Moon Sail

## Opening Weekend Events

We have lots going on April 26 and 27<sup>th</sup>. Plan to spend the day at your favorite Sailing Club. On Saturday we kick off at 10:00 am with the Sunfish and Board races. We'll have a Fun Race to follow. Of course we will have food! Bring a side to share for the bbq. We'll have Chicken and Brisket.

We're having a **Rib Cook-Off**. Come show off your stuff! Not to be outdone, you can showcase your favorite **dessert**, for another contest. We will definitely be in need of some serious judges this time.

On Sunday the day kicks off at 1:00p for the Women's Auxiliary Race and the Men's Race to follow. Promises of good leftovers are possible.

## Lake Stickers

Must be purchased and applied to your boat before the end of April 2008. The City will be out checking boats in the coming months. Registration stickers must be up to date also.

## Other Club Announcements

The gate has been fixed. Please press the button only once. It's very sensitive and if you hold it, the motor will freeze up again.

Trash Day has been changed to Monday. Please take out the trash if you are the last one out on Sunday.

We've got a "Yeah" to all the members who showed up for the Valentine's Dinner and a "nay" to those who didn't.

Our potlucks will continue this year on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of every month at 4:30p. Note the time change. If the races should go longer, they will start one half hour after race end.

Helen and Kim are selling Ranch Fresh Eggs at the club on Sundays. First come first served. (Pre-orders possible).

1 dozen - \$2.50

1 ½ dozen - \$3.50

plus get a .25 credit for all returned egg cartons

The siding on the clubhouse is almost complete. One member came out and finished all the electricity. We just need to finish the trim.

Jon has working plans for the docks and will be setting up a schedule to complete them. All help would be appreciated.

Thanks to all of those who showed up for the work parties.

## Regatta News

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.

On April 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:00p there will be an organizational meeting at the club for all volunteers.

On May 10<sup>th</sup> at 9:00a there will be a clean-up party to get the club ready for the Regatta. Come help us show off our club.

## Politics that concern YOU

Excerpt from <http://www.boatus.com/gov/>

**Background:** For 34 years the federal Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has exempted discharges from recreational boats from the Clean Water Act permit system. Regrettably, a fall 2006 U.S. District Court ruling cancelled this permit exemption. EPA is now required by the court decision to develop and implement by September 30, 2008 a national permit system for ALL vessels in the United States for a variety of normal operational discharges.

The original lawsuit that led to this court decision sought to address ballast water discharges from large ocean-going ships, which can introduce damaging aquatic invasive species into U.S. waters. Keeping our waterways clean and preventing the spread of invasive species is of utmost importance to the future of boating. But taking a complex permitting system designed for industrial dischargers and applying it to recreational boats will not yield significant environmental benefits and it will come at a very high cost. Requiring recreational boaters to purchase a permit would not prevent the spread of invasive species.

If the permit system becomes a reality, you will be required to pay for a state permit for each of your boats. EPA will be potentially monitoring your deck runoff, grey water, bilge water, engine-cooling water, and the use of copper bottom paints.

It is important to note that there are already federal laws restricting the overboard discharge of oil, fuel, garbage and sewage. The proposed legislation will not alter any of these existing restrictions.

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Please review the website information further. There are links to contact our elected officials and request they pass "*The Clean Boating Act of 2008*" (S. 2766)

Remember that if we don't get legislation passed, we all need to get EPA permits to operate our boats effective 9/30/08!

## Lost & Found

Lost: Ladies Brown Leather Jacket. Please contact Sherry Srnka 214-392-0359

Lost: 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.

## 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. \$2000.00 obo. Call 817-237-2480 or

817-721-8087, leave a message. For details & pics see:

[http://www.hitempo.com/hitemposail/vanguard\\_pico.html](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.

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