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Commodore's Corner

By Bob Crow

My apologies for taking so long to get this newsletter out. Getting the Club on track for the new year has been an interesting process. First I want to call your attention to the Master Schedule of Events for the year. The schedule was mailed to you in early January and contains virtually all major club events in a two-page document including; the annual racing schedule, monthly work parties and pot lucks, special social events and weekly cleanup assignments. The master schedule is also available on the Club's web site at www.lakeworthsailingclub.com (Special thanks to Jeff Boemer for building and maintaining the site for us. More about the web site later.)

The schedule is basically the same as in prior years with a few additions. New this year are some Sunday **Fun Day Races** scheduled on days that were otherwise open such as Easter Sunday, Mothers Day, Fathers day, etc, etc. Kim and JJ Gross are co-chairing the committee for these events that are directed toward the younger sailors (and those who are young at heart). Gary Noyes and Spider will be assisting in these events. Thanks Kim and guys. Also you will notice that the Sunday Santana 20 Only races have been opened up to include all classes of boats to permit greater member participation. Santana 20 sailors are still encouraged to race the Club boats in the scheduled Series races of course.

Other schedule changes include **monthly work parties** to permit and encourage advance planning for various work projects. Saturday work parties are scheduled for **March 21**, April 18, May 9, June 27 and July 25. None is set for August. Plans include providing lunch and bottled water for the volunteer workers. Otherwise BYOB if you wish. Contact Vice Commodore, Larry Sallee to get an idea of projects to be worked and tools you need to bring along. Chain saws, weed eaters, rakes, shovels, hammers and drills are always welcomed.

The Club plans to host the **Catalina 22, Region 8 Regatta** again this year with Jim Holcomb serving as the Regatta Chairman. Regatta dates are set for May 15 thru 17. Please note that the **May 9 work party** will be dedicated to regatta preparation work around the club house, grounds and docks. The Regatta should be a great time for all. More to follow as the time approaches.

I want to express my sincere appreciation for the member support provided me during this first couple of months of tenure as we lean forward into the new year.

Frostbite Race and Chili Cook-off

Hardy congratulations are in order for the sailors, chefs and spectators who participated in this festive annual event. Over forty captains, crew members, race committee members and chefs earned the right to wear the Frostbite T-Shirt this year (with the winning logo designed again by David Stokely) Braving the perils of light winds, beaming January sun and a course lay-out known and understood only by the Master Race Committee Chairman, Kevin Culver, fourteen captains and their brave crews stayed the course to race completion.

While completion time for the event may have set a new Club record, the brave souls on the water fought off hunger, thirst and rampant anxiety in their quest for the finish line. Gary Noyes in his Hobie 18 crossed the finish line first, then took an extended break in the slough inlet to gather his wits (a very slow process it seems) When all was said and done, Carl Perry took First Place in his relatively speedy Sunfish and gets his name on the Club trophy, an honor that has eluded him for many years. Second place went to Jim Holcomb sailing his faithful Catalina 22. Third place honors went to Ted Gay in his Catalina 22, with his first mate Patty providing tactical support. All-in-all it was a great day to be on the water enjoying the sun and a bit of camaraderie.

As for the Chili Chefs of the Day, eleven locally renowned masters of the culinary arts offered up their pallet pleasing potions to the carefully selected, unbiased and hermetically sealed (?) judges. Upon their recovery (next time we will label the heat index for respective chili pots in advance) announced their unanimous decision. Top honors went to Dave Stokley. Good work Dave, a man of surprising talents. Second place went to Cindy and Brian McMillan (not sure who added the ingredients and who stirred the pot here but no surprise that they placed well). Placing Third out of eleven entries was Patti Malone (no surprise here as well). Thanks Patti. The Club is clearly blessed with some talented folks who are skilled at preparing tasty dishes.

Valentines Party

While the flu bug and perhaps cool weather kept several intended guests at home, the February 14th party was well attended. As usual, the meal was both delicious and well presented within the hallowed walls of the club house. Patty Gay, along with daughters Victoria and Diana, once again worked their magic in transforming the club into an enchanting environment, complete with LWSC labeled

chocolates, antique nautical Valentine cards and the full fare of table adornments. The warmth and glow of the fireplace added its own degree of charm, as did the wine of course. Good food, good friends, good times, you just can't find a better evening than that.

February 21st Work Party

Extreme gratitude is in order for the fifteen manly members who turned out for the first work party of the year. In spite of stout and bitter morning winds the crew made some major progress in cleaning up the bon fire wood pile area, tightening dock boards, filling behind the sea wall, trimming the front tree, etc. Jennifer's warming home made stew capped off the event at noon. The next work party will be **March 21st, 0900 to 1200**. Mark your calendar now and we'll see you there. Contracted maintenance and repairs remains the other option.

UPCOMING EVENTS

SUNDAY SERIES RACES

The Sunday Series races have been changed this year to promote greater participation. The schedule includes six sets of Series races as noted below. The race sets include either six or seven races. Sets with six races permit one "throw out" and those with seven races permit two "throw outs". Members who either miss a race or two in a set, or just have a bad day on the water, can still remain in trophy contention.

Series	Races	Start Date	Last Race
Winter Series	6	Jan 18	Feb 22
Spring A Ser.	7	Mar 1	Apr 19
Spring B Ser.	6	May 3	Jun 28
Summer Ser.	7	Jul 12	Aug 23
Fall Series	6	Sep 13	Oct 25
Holiday Ser.	7	Nov 1	Dec 20

Full Moon Cookout & Bon Fire Set for Saturday March 7, 6:00 P.M.

With the afternoons warming and the evenings still cool enough to enjoy a crackling bon fire, the Full Moon/Bon Fire Queen, Mary Ann Peterson and her King, Chef Brian Peterson, will be hosting the event and firing up the grills. The club will provide the hamburgers and hot dogs. **Side dishes are encouraged.** Leftovers will be saved for the monthly potluck/mixer on Sunday, after the race.

St. Patrick's Party

Mark your calendar for **Saturday, March 14, 6:00 P.M.** Patti Malone has offered again to host the St. Patrick's

Party at the Club. Good eats, good company and good cheer are on the agenda.

Monthly Potluck Mixers, Still on the Second Sunday of each Month

As noted in the Master Schedule of Events, potluck mixers are still scheduled for the second Sunday of each month. Meat dishes and side dishes are encouraged and always enjoyed by all. See the Social Committee Chair, Jennifer Crow, if you have questions about needed items and/or what to bring.

OTHER IMPORTANT STUFF

Club Web Site Up and Running

Thanks to our brilliant and dedicated web master Jeff Boemer the club web site is up and running again and filled with club information. Take a look at www.lakeworthsailingclub.com. Most areas of the site are pass word protected to ensure our privacy. You will need a pass word from Jeff at lakeworthsailingclub@gmail.com. About two thirds of the membership have provided their email addresses to Jeff, permitting electronic distribution of the Tiller and other club announcements while saving postage, copying costs, mailing efforts and trees of course. You are highly encouraged to climb on board the email train at the earliest. Thank you in advance!!

2009 Lake Worth Boat Stickers Due

Last year's stickers expired December 31st and the Lake Worth marshals remain serious about compliance. You can get the sticker either by mail or by visiting the Lake Worth Management Office (LWMO) in person. The following documents are required to obtain a sticker/stickers:

By mail; (1). Application (attached here and also available on the club web site and club house bulletin board)
(2). Copy of your boat's Texas Parks and Wildlife Certificate of Number (white card with blue lettering)
(3). Copy of current driver's license, and (4). A check for the appropriate fee amount. Mail to: City of Fort Worth Lake Worth Management Office, 7601 Cahoba Drive Fort Worth, Texas 76135-4416.
In Person: Visit the LWMO at the above address with the listed documents in hand.

Classified Section

See the club web site to review listings. Email Jeff Boemer to post listings.

New Member Applications/Ballots

None at this time.

Happy Sailing,
Bob Crow, Commodore

**APPLICATION FOR
LAKE WORTH BOAT STICKER
[LAKE USE FEE]**

Please complete this application and mail it to the Lake Worth Management Office, 7601 Cahoba Drive, Fort Worth, TX 76135. Enclose a check or money order (do not mail cash) for the correct sticker fee. Please make check payable to the "**City of Fort Worth**". Fees are shown on the back of this sheet. If the correct fee is not sent, the application will be returned without a sticker. Boat stickers are valid for the calendar year they are issued; they expire 31 December of the issue year.

NAME _____ DATE _____
(Last) (First)

STREET ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

TELEPHONE NO. (AREA CODE) (____) - _____

STATE OF TEXAS BOAT REGISTRATION NO. TX _____

LENGTH OF BOAT _____
(See other side)

CITY OF FORT WORTH RESIDENT YES NO
[See note on back of this sheet]

AMOUNT OF FEE ENCLOSED \$ _____ CHECK MONEY ORDER
[See back of this sheet]

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 Signature of Applicant

MAIL THE COMPLETED APPLICATION TO:

Lake Worth Management Office
 7601 Cahoba Drive
 Fort Worth, TX 76135

If you have any questions about this application, please call 817-237-6890. Your boat sticker and a receipt will be mailed to you within seven working-days following receipt of the application.

PLEASE READ THE OTHER SIDE OF THIS SHEET

BOAT STICKER FEES:

These fees were approved by the City Council and they are listed in City of Fort Worth Ordinance No. 11148.

	Fort Worth Resident Citizen*	Non-Resident Citizen	3-Day Temporary Fee
1. Motor driven boat less than 16 feet in length.	\$ 7.00	10.00	5.00
2. Boats 16 feet or more and less than 26 feet in length.	12.00	17.00	8.50
3. Boats 26 feet or more and less than 40 feet in length	17.00	24.00	12.00
4. Boats 40 feet or more in length.	22.00	31.00	15.50

Nonmotor-driven or nonpower-driven boats less than 16 feet in length do not require a boat sticker.

* **NOTE:** A Fort Worth Resident Citizen is a person who resides within the city limits of Fort Worth, Texas, or someone who owns property in and pays city taxes to the City of Fort Worth. Residents of many adjacent cities have a mailing address of "Fort Worth," however, they are not residents of the City of Fort Worth for this purpose of the above fees. If you are not a resident of the City of Fort Worth, please use the fee column above for "non-resident citizen." **If the correct fee is not mailed with this application, it will be returned without a boat sticker.**