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## Commodore's Corner

**Important announcement!!** Warmer weather has officially arrived and the time has come to enjoy the Summer breezes and warm water. At last check the water temperature was about 81 degrees, providing welcomed opportunities for sailing our board boats as well our auxiliaries. Come on out and take advantage when ever you can. With longer days upon us, evening sailing is especially nice right now and the sunsets can be grand. See you on the water and around the club house!!

- **At the Board meeting on June 7<sup>th</sup>** Mr. Bracy resigned as club treasurer. Thanks Ron for your work in automating and managing the club accounts over the past five months. The Board selected Mr. J J Gross as interim club treasurer to serve out the remainder of the calendar year. J J has prior years of treasurer experience and will do a good job in the position. Thanks for stepping up J J.

- **I want to officially welcome our newest member, Mr. Jonathon McMillan** (not related to Brian McMillan). Say hello to Jonathon as you see him around the club. Jonathon, welcome aboard the greatest little sail club in the country.

- **We have four new applications for membership.** See page three for their bios and voting information.

- **Once again I want to commend the many members** who continue to keep the club on track with sailing events, social events, administration and facilities upkeep, etc. If you are one of the above members, thank you sincerely. If your schedule or other commitments preclude regular participation, please join us when you can. It is always great to see you.

- **The annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July Commodores' Race and evening cookout/pot luck mixer** are events you will want to plan for. We have scheduled make-up races for both the Women's and Men's Auxiliary Races that were weathered out during the annual Opening Weekend event in April. See revised June/July schedules below for details.

- **Remember to visit the club web site at [www.lakeworthsailingclub.com](http://www.lakeworthsailingclub.com)** from time to time for periodic news and scheduling updates.

by Bob Crow, Commodore

## April & May in Review

The annual Opening Weekend in April was a bit slim on the sailing side due to heavy winds. However, the weekend was redeemed by plenty of sun, meals fit for the royal court, good friends and a reasonable quantity of recreational beverage. The venue provided a rare chance for members to visit and catch up with each other's news while Gary Noyes, Glen Hardy, Aaron Brandt and Jonathon McMillan provided entertainment by displaying their sailing prowess on both the Hobie Cat and the Laser. While the Hobie mast remained above horizontal most of the time, the Laser insisted on a few crowd pleasing horizontal moments. I have it on good authority that April water temperatures are quite refreshing upon body submersion. (Who knew?). All-in-all the event was enjoyable and filling for the body, mind and soul. (The good thing about being winded out, it leaves you longing to get out on the water soon and also leads to a greater appreciation of the nicer sailing days).

**Hosting the Catalina 22 Region 8 Regatta** in mid-May was clearly the highlight for the month. The event was well attended with three LWSC boats and eleven visiting boats participating. Skippers Gary Noyes and Sherry Srnka sailed their respective newly acquired C-22s in the Silver Fleet, with Gary taking top fleet honors and Sherry finishing in third place after the five race series. Lynn Vanhooser from Arlington Yacht Club finished second in the Silver Fleet. Regatta Chairman Jim Holcomb played the part of the gracious host both off and on the water, permitting the Gold Fleet guests to claim the trophies as follows; Pete Harper (AYC), with his daughter and her fiancé as crew, captured the first place plaque and returned home with the traveling Region 8 Trophy (again). Rosser Bodycomb (FWBC) took second place honors and David Hayslip (GSC) finished in a very respectable third place position. A hardy "thanks and come again" goes out to all our visiting skippers and crew members who helped make the event a resounding success. **The following LWSC members went far beyond the call of duty** to ensure the Regatta weekend went smoothly: Jim Holcomb, Host and "put it all together" guy; Glen Hardy, Aaron Brandt and the Crows, Race Committee; Gregg Brown; Harbor Master and logistics guy; Mike and Linda Butler, all around, left to right, top to bottom support in the "whatever needs to get done we'll do it" department; Brian and Cindy McMillan, primary chefs, kitchen cops and meal servers; Patty Malone, Maryann Peterson and others who

helped with happy hour, food prep and meal service; Gary Noyes, master woodcrafter and producer of fine awards; Jennifer Crow, help mate, sail mate, soul mate and confidant who helps keep me leaning forward; others I have failed to mention by name and all the members-at-large who helped groom the facilities prior to, during and after the Regatta weekend. **Thanks to all for your continued efforts and support to the club.**

**Memorial Day Weekend events at the club included the Spring B Series Race #3 on Sunday and Kid's Fun Day Races on Monday**, with lots of camping, grilling and camaraderie over the entire weekend. On Monday Glen Hardy and Aaron Brandt put together a five event, two-person team, series of challenges including sailing, canoeing, swimming, shell diving and a relay foot race. First place honors went to Kyle Pippin and Helen McMillan, with Brad Pippin and Corbin Brandt taking second place. Kim McMillan and Stanley Brandt came in third, vowing to take first place at the next challenge event. All participants and observers alike had a great time. Thanks Glen and Aaron for organizing and conducting the event. I am told that photos will be forthcoming on the club web site.

## June and July Calendar (Revised as noted)

### JUNE 2009

Sun, June 7, 1230: Board Meeting  
1400: Spring B Series #4  
Sun, June 14, 1400: Spring B Series #5  
1700: Pot Luck Mixer  
Sat, June 20, 0900, Work Party (**Revised date, Santana Cleaning and Repairs**)  
Sun, June 21, TDB Father's Day Fun Day Races  
Sun, June 28, 1400, Spring B Series #6

### July 2009

Sat, July 4, 1000, Commodores' Santana Race  
1300, Women's Aux Race (Make Up)  
1700, Cookout & Potluck Mixer  
Sun, July 5, 1400, Men's Aux. Race (Make Up)  
**(5 July Board Mtng moved to 12 July)**  
Sun, July 12, 1230, Board Meeting  
1400, Summer Series #1  
**(12 July Potluck moved to 19 July)**  
Sun, July 19, 1400, Summer Series #2  
1700, Potluck Mixer  
Sun, July 26, 1400, Summer Series #3

### Memos from Vice-Commodore, Larry Sallee:

**\*We need to ensure total compliance with EPA, Federal and State regulations by adhering to the following procedures.** Thanks for your attention and assistance in this most important matter.

1. **Power wash boats only on the grass**, not on the launch ramp where water drains directly into the lake.
2. **All bio-hazardous materials such as oil, solvents, gas, paint, etc. should be taken home for disposal.** Do not put them in the club trash or dumpster, pour on the ground or leave them in an open container at the club.
3. **Do not transfer gas, oil, etc. between containers over the water or on club docks.**

**\*Also, for boat lift reservation, new wet slip assignments and trailer parking, contact Larry Sallee at; Hm 817-236-1914, Cell 817-703-7381, or Email lgsallee@flash.net**

### Sunday Race Schedule Reminder:

Series	Races	Start Date	Last Race
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

**Unofficial Race Results** (1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> place winners):  
**Winter Series;** Phil Stuckey, L. Sallee, B. McMillan  
**Spring A Series;** P. Stuckey, B. McMillan, L. Sallee

**Potluck Mixer reminder:** Potluck mixers are scheduled for the second Sunday of each month (except for July as noted above). The grills will be going in June and July so side dishes and desserts are encouraged and always enjoyed by all. Contact the Social Committee Chair, Jennifer Crow, if you have questions regarding what to bring.

**Club Web Site Reminder:** The club web site is up and running and filled with club information. If you have photos or an article or two for publication send them to Jeff Boemer at the address below. Take a look at [www.lakeworthsailingclub.com](http://www.lakeworthsailingclub.com) Most areas of the site are password protected to ensure privacy. Get a pass word from Jeff at [lakeworthsailingclub@gmail.com](mailto:lakeworthsailingclub@gmail.com) About two thirds of the membership have provided their email addresses to Jeff, permitting electronic notification of new Tillers and other club announcements while saving postage, copying costs, mailing efforts and trees of course. You are highly encouraged to join the information highway at the earliest. Thank you in advance!!

## OTHER IMPORTANT STUFF

## Applications for Membership

**Four new member applications have been received in the last several weeks.** Applicant names and bios are noted below. We currently have 60 active members so new member interest is clearly welcomed. If you know potential candidates bring them around for introductions and orientation.

The voting cards will be handled in two ways to conserve postage fees and processing time.

- (1). We will make voting cards available at the club for those who are there frequently.
- (2). When that process has been finalized, voting cards will be mailed to the remaining members for their vote and return of the post cards within 14 days of the mailing date. Please mark and return the voting card at your earliest opportunity.

### Applicants are as follows:

1. Mr. Gary Metcalfe and wife Cindy. Gary and Cindy have sailed for forty years and own a Catalina 22, currently docked at Joe Pool lake, with plans for moving it to the club upon their acceptance as members. Both have been out to the club several times. They are residents of Fort Worth, enjoy the water and have spent time on Lake Worth over the years. Jim Holcomb is Gary's sponsor and states that he would be a valued member of the club. I and other members have spoken with both Gary and Cindy during their visits to the club and we agree with Jim's assessment, they would be good members.
2. Mr. Paul Taylor and wife Connie. Paul and Connie are relatively new to sailing. They own a Clipper 23 and Paul has spent numerous hours over the last few months cleaning it up. Paul is an oil company executive and is also a musician. Brian McMillan is their sponsor and is confident Paul would be an asset to the club. I and several other members of the club have met and spoken with Paul. All agree that he would make a good member and be an asset to the club.
3. Mr. Karl Browder. Karl is also relatively new to sailing and owns a Cal 20. Karl has visited the club numerous times and pitched in around the club during the recent Catalina 22 Regatta, helping to make it a success again this year. Karl has a background in the criminal justice system (on the good side of course) and currently works in Quality Control for Lockheed Martin. Brian McMillan is Karl's sponsor and avidly supports approval of his membership. Karl has met with me as well as other members of the club. I and the members who have met Karl agree that he would be a very good member of the club.
4. Mr. Ken Burger, wife Debbie and daughter T. J. Ken has formerly sailed on the west coast and has recently purchased a Santana 22. The Burgers live in Grapevine and Ken is a Project Engineer for the new stadium in Arlington. Ken is sponsored by Luther Mergner who states that Ken would be a positive addition to the club. Say hello and get to know Ken and his family in the coming weeks.

**Voting cards will be available in the near future for these applicants, either at the club or by mail as mentioned above.**

Best Wishes for Steady Summer Breezes,  
Bob Crow, Commodore