

THE TILLER

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Commodore's Corner

Wow where did this last year go? It feels just like last week you entrusted me to be Commodore for 2012 and here we are getting ready for 2013. I want to thank you all for making this last year a Great year, never mind the spring with 30 plus wind every weekend or the summer with 100 plus Sundays with little to no wind. It is the members that made it Great, you all came together and we got a tremendous amount of work done around the club. We filled in the sea wall and got the grass growing, we have floated both docks and have rewired the docks as well. I look forward to making 2013 as Great as 2012 was and getting everyone as involved as they want to be. One big change for 2013 is starting with this issue of the Tiller I have asked David Stokely to be the publisher. David will be getting articles and pushing the board to get information to him so we can have a bi-monthly Tiller and keep everyone informed. If you would like to have an article published or would like to share a sailing experience or adventure, just jot it down and get it to David and he will do his best to get it in the next Issue. Again Thank you one and all!

Bill Heirendt:

Dock Refloat continues apace

Don't you just love these catchy headlines? The West dock has been refloated with new improved floatation boxes. The finger piers have been rebuilt and some of the mooring lines were rescued from certain death. The electricity has been rewired, mostly by Andy. The light on the Tee Head has been replaced but is still not tested for automatic operation. The water lines have been repaired and are working out to the end of the dock. I am told that the reason that you don't see the water faucets is because they are laying along the bottom of the lake.

If you have not personally established your mooring lines you should do so at soon as possible. The next dock to be rebuilt will be the Boat House Dock. We are waiting for a shipment of float boxes and renewed enthusiasm. The lake level is such that we could float that dock with cinder blocks and floor jacks.

MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

We currently have about sixty eight members on our roles, seven shy of our membership limit. The numbers reflect the loss of a few participating members this year, the gain of some great new members, and the purging from the roles of non-participating members who were also behind on dues obligations. We are encouraged to recruit new sailors who enjoy the sport of sailing as well as supporting the variety of social and maintenance related activities that keep the club operational. Make a point of introducing a friend or two to sailing in the coming year and we'll get our membership back where it needs to be. We really need your effort and support in the area in the coming year to help keep dues and fees at the current level.

2013 Board of Governors and club officials

Thanks to all club members who participated in the annual elections held on October 28th, 2012.

Leaders for the coming year are:

Commodore, Bill Heirendt

Vice Commodore, Andy Bahr

Rear Commodore, Kevin Culver

Treasurer, Gordon Kayser

Secretary, Tommy Malone

Race Committee Chair, Larry Sallee

Vice Race Committee Chair, David Stokely

Catalina 22 Fleet Captain, Jim Holcomb

Santana Fleet Captain, Ted Gay
Sunfish Fleet Captain, Bob Crow
Auxiliary Boat Fleet Captain, Mike Butler

This year's social committee is; Patty Malone, Patti Gay, Linda Butler, Penny Espinoza and Marianne Peterson.

Coming Soon

Annual Awards and Appreciation Banquet

The party will be held on December 7th at Tres Jose's. Cost is \$10 apiece. Gordon and Bill will be collecting the RSVP. Dinner is buffet style featuring Mexican food in a semi private dining room. Racing awards will be presented by Adam and Ted. Other awards will be presented by Bill Heirendt.

Parade of Lights

The next night on December 8th, we will hold the Parade of Lights with the Boat and Ski Club on Lake Worth. Start your preparations early because it takes a lot of time to string boats together. The boat lash up will start at 6:00 PM. If the weather is just awful, we will try again on December 15.

Frostbite Race and Chili Cook-off

The race is scheduled for January 13 2013. Grab your woolies, your crew, and your chili pot and come on down. The historical annual event promises to be both invigorating and nourishing for the body, mind and soul. (Race will be at 2:00 PM with chili judging and enjoyment after.) Guest judges will be invited. See you there!!!

As the sailing year starts anew it seems that traditional America is a place where folks really know how to Twitter. If that's you, you need to get out more. A great place to get out would be at Lake Worth, sailing around with folks that know a lot more about boats than social media. John Boehner may be about to go half way over a cliff but we're not. I mean how would you go over a cliff on a lake?

Well, there was that time Bill and Gordon tried to go around the East point of Goat Island. When it became apparent that they couldn't sail out backwards, I decided that we would have to go in and get them.

Adam and I had plenty of water when we got into hailing distance. Adam pointed out that it was only two and a half feet deep! I said "Don't worry; I have the keel set to thirty inches". I think that clunking noise was a submerged steel pipe.

#Tag U hav SO hit the nail with ur HD!!! </Tag>

Club Web Site Status; Web Master Needed

Perhaps you have noticed that the club web site is not ever up to date. Our prior web master has let the page fall into disrepair. If you can assist in getting the site up and running again the club needs you now. Call me at 817-718-8880 at the earliest. Thanks, Bill Heirendt

Take a look at www.lakeworthsailing.org

Best of 2013 wishes to all !!!