

THE TILLER

Lake Worth Sailing Club, Est. 1935
February, 2020

Commodore's Corner

It's been a weird winter, that's for sure! Make sure to check your boats (keel and dinghy). It seems that many folks' dinghies are completely or mostly full of water and that can be tough on your boat, trailer and/or dolly.

Please check your lines as well. When checking your lines make sure to push your boat to the East, West, North, and South to see how far they drift out when it's blowing. Also, please make sure your dock lines are attached to the D-rings on the dock. We've had to retie many boats because they end up hitting their neighbors due to loose or incorrectly attached lines. Please keep in mind ALL BOATS are to be tied to the D-Rings, not the docks, not cleats on the docks, not on the dock boards, not around the Z-bars supporting the docks, and not on electrical outlets or anything else that sticks up on the main docks. This helps ensure safety while walking on the docks, extending the life of the Z-bar, minimizing wear on your dock lines. Also, it makes it easier to replace damaged dock boards. If you have damaged dock boards you would like to see replaced or need additional D-rings, contact the Commodore or Vice Commodore. Thanks!

The winds usually blow from the South or from the North, and we end up with debris from the park, neighbors, or the lake. In order to clean up the beaches (North, South and East (behind Catalina 22's) we need to remove garbage, tree limbs and anything else that's washed up. Please help with this effort by picking up debris when you see it. Our goal is to make all our property and beaches safe and accessible for trailers, patrons, vehicles, dinghies, swimmers, club activities, and for shore repair\break-wall repair.

A reminder to folks with trailers, it is your responsibility to keep your trailers in good repair, we need to be able to move them to clean and mow. Trailers with flat tires and boats full of water greatly impede this task! Your help is greatly appreciated. There are a lot of trailers with flats out there, right now!

We are looking for volunteers to repaint the two signs at the club, the sign on the "party shed" and the sign on the West side of the club house. They are currently vinyl covered. They have cracked, faded and otherwise don't look

good. They need to be sanded down prior to painting. We would like to repaint them by hand. I believe this will make the upkeep in the future easier. Contact the Commodore to volunteer.

We also need half a dozen volunteers to finish painting the fence, please contact the Commodore or Vice Commodore.

We have two events coming up that will require Club volunteers.

- The Boy Scouts will be coming out May 15-17th and camping on the grounds, there will be 16 kids aged 12-18, and 6 dads. We need volunteers to take them sailing on the 16th. I will be sending out an email for volunteers. Please respond to the email or contact the Commodore.

- The Wounded Warriors have requested to do a weekend style class. Sailing classes will be on Friday night and Saturday. Sunday will be on the water. In the past, we have tried it several different ways. The VA feels this is the best way to ensure participation as opposed to stretching it out over several weeks. An email with details will follow. Volunteers are greatly appreciated.

Upcoming Events

- Feb 9th Winter Series Race 3 and 4
- Feb 16th Valentines Romance Fun sail
- Feb 16th Valentines Dinner Date Night
- Feb 23rd Winter Series Races 5 and 6
- Mar 1st Winter Series Race 7 and 8
- Mar 6-8th Culver 100

Aaron Brandt, Commodore





2020 Frostbite and Chili Cookoff

Congratulations to "Red Light Moana" and her Team for winning the 2020 Frostbite Cup.

We had 18 Chili entries, the club house smelled amazing, plenty of sides and desserts to go around!

Congratulations to Cheryl Springer for winning the chili cookoff, followed by Tom Kaczmarek with 2nd and A.J. Rothe with 3rd! Good job everybody! So much for that January diet!

We Have 2020 Frostbite/Chili Cookoff shirts for sale \$15 ea. (green), we have last year's (2019, orange) for sale at \$5 ea. (contact Cheryl if interested)



BOATERS WITH AN OPEN MIND- 4th Annual 2020 Messabout, May 16, 17

For wooden boats and people of all kinds; owners, builders and boatless enthusiasts are all welcome. We expect to once again have traditional small craft as well as contemporary, innovative small craft- Kayaks, canoes, rowboats small wooden motorboats and sailboats.

We will be having some Boy Scouts join us this year so there will be plenty of interest in the boats.

Saturday and Sunday, May 16th and 17th
10:00AM until whenever on Saturday
8:00AM until 2:00 PM on Sunday

Lake Worth, Fort Worth, Texas

Free camping available on site (No hookups)

Meet at the Lake Worth Sailing Club-Est. 1935
8900 Sunrise Point Ct. (at the end of Sunrise Point Ct.)
Fort Worth, Texas 76135

QUESTIONS? Call Glen Erwin @ 817-239-7219 or Pat Hollabaugh @ 817-899-5743



Community Corner

Hello all!

The first sailing education group this year will be on Feb 21st at 6pm (weather permitting). The first group will go over basic knots, boat parts and what they do (basic), and points of sail. I understand that most members already have this in their brains but this will act as a refresher and start getting everyone into the spring/summer sailing mode. Please BYO and a snack to share.

Hope to see lots of faces!

Julia

Lake Worth Sailing Club Upcoming Events

Feb 9th, Winter Series Races 3 & 4
Feb 16th, Valentine Romance Fun Sail
Feb 16th, Valentines Dinner Date Night
Feb 21st, First Sailing Education Group
Feb 23rd, Winter Series Races 5 & 6

Mar 1st, Winter Series Races 7 & 8
Mar 6th, Culver 100
Mar 15th, Winter Series Races 9 & 10
Mar 18th, First Wed. night "To the Bridge and Back"
Mar 22nd, Spring Series Races 1 & 2
Mar 29th, Spring Series Races 3 & 4

2020 Board of Governors and club officials

Commodore, Aaron Brandt, 360-201-7674
Vice-Commodore, Ted Hubble, 817-235-1538
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Contribute to *THE TILLER*

Please send appropriate submissions via e-mail to editor Hal Normand at: shadtreestudio@sbcglobal.net Attach text files, photos, classified ad copy, whatever for inclusion in the next edition. Deadline is the third day after board meeting.



February board meeting was held on the lawn to remind us how lucky we are to sail in North Texas instead of ice boating in the frozen North.

Club Cleanup Roster for 2020

Week of	Member	Member	Week of	Member	Member
5-Jan-2020	Hollabaugh, Pat	Tyler, David	5-Jul-2020	Normand, Hal	Day, Sharon
12-Jan-2020	Holley, Chris	Walker, James	12-Jul-2020	Noyes, Gary	Dietz, Peggy
19-Jan-2020	Hubble, Ted	Webb, Howard	19-Jul-2020	McMillan, Jonathan	James Scanlan
26-Jan-2020	Hudspeth, Kim	White, Craig	26-Jul-2020	Pearson, Tim	Elston, Ralph
2-Feb-2020	Hyde, Robbie	Williams, Kevin	2-Aug-2020	Perry, Carl	Finn, Dave
9-Feb-2020	Kaczmarek, Tom	Wright, Lee	9-Aug-2020	Peterson, Marianne	Flores, Alex
16-Feb-2020	Kane, Richard	Wunderlich, Lynn	16-Aug-2020	Phillips, Dustin	Franklin, Thomas
23-Feb-2020	Katz, Andy	Matt Mason	23-Aug-2020	Pilgrim, Mike	Gay, Ted
1-Mar-2020	Kayser, Gordon	Adkisson, Jack	30-Aug-2020	Sallee, Larry	Gillihan, Waylan
8-Mar-2020	Keathley, Bryan	Aj Rothe	6-Sep-2020	Sonntag, Mike	Haines, Chuck
15-Mar-2020	Keoughan, Marty	Badovinac, Brandon	13-Sep-2020	Springer, Cheryl	Harrison, Susie
22-Mar-2020	Kithas, Nick	Bahr, Andrew	20-Sep-2020	Stokely, Charles	Hayes, Christopher
29-Mar-2020	LaBorde, Steve	Joe Fuller	27-Sep-2020	Matt Mason	Heirendt, Bill
5-Apr-2020	Lambeth, Mark	Berry, Jerri	4-Oct-2020	Stuckey, Phillip	Hill, Dean
12-Apr-2020	Ludden, Dan	Bodycomb, Rosser	11-Oct-2020	Szok, Peter	Hinrichs, Roy
19-Apr-2020	Malone, Patty	Bracy, Ron	18-Oct-2020	Tillman, Gary	Holcomb, Linda
26-Apr-2020	Marten, Gene	Brandon, Glenn	25-Oct-2020	Twilley, Carl	Hollabaugh, Pat
3-May-2020	Mask, Larry	Brandt, Aaron	1-Nov-2020	Tyler, David	Holley, Chris
10-May-2020	McGown, Quentin	Brandt, Roger	8-Nov-2020	Walker, James	Hubble, Ted
17-May-2020	McMillan, Brian	James Ghormley	15-Nov-2020	Webb, Howard	Hudspeth, Kim
24-May-2020	Mergner, Luther	Butler, Mike	22-Nov-2020	White, Craig	Hyde, Robbie
31-May-2020	Metcalfe, Cindy	Calhoun, Forest	29-Nov-2020	Williams, Kevin	Kaczmarek, Tom
7-Jun-2020	Mitchell, Les	Steve Maffetone	6-Dec-2020	Wright, Lee	Kane, Richard
14-Jun-2020	Morgan, Mike	Culver, Kevin	13-Dec-2020	Wunderlich, Lynn	Katz, Andy
21-Jun-2020	Morgan, Craig	Davis, Jerry	20-Dec-2020	Tyler, Bill	Kayser, Gordon
28-Jun-2020	Nichols, Gerv	Davis, Bill	27-Dec-2020	Adkisson, Jack	Keathley, Bryan

Pat Hollabaugh shared this ripping sea yarn with us as a reminder that safety at sea is never simple. Murphy's Law is always aboard when afloat, even on a small inland lake.

Explosions fires rescue at sea

A buddy and I got Rhapsody in shape and set sail from Houston for Isla Mujeres, Mexico, Sunday after Christmas. Half-way there, at 2AM on Thu 2 Jan a heavy duty Li-ion battery pack exploded 4 times during about 10 minutes setting the boat interior afire repeatedly.

The cordless drill was nestled amidship in a dry locker but apparently suffered mechanical damage due to wave-on-hull impacts in 2m seas and 20kt winds - a normal sea-state in bluewater. Ignition was 30 min AFTER heaving-to for sleep.

We broadcast "Mayday" after the 2nd explosion, set off the EPIRB after the 3rd explosion, and expended both fire extinguishers. The US Coast Guard diverted an LPG tanker and launched 2 fixed wing planes to ascertain the situation. Seas were too rough to safely transfer onto the LPG tanker's tender and dawn shown no better so USCG launched a helicopter to rescue us. They were required to re-fueled en route.

We jumped into the sea and swam to a cage with the assistance of a diver before being winched aboard. Rhapsody was abandoned 288 nm SE of Corpus Christi, was last seen afloat pointed toward Mexico, but now sleeps with the fishes.

The kind folks on Anadarko's production platform loaned us dry clothes and fed us a hot meal while the chopper re-fueled again. Our wives retrieved us at Ellington Field and have us on substantially shorter leashes.

Kudos to the USCG. It was a very technical rescue. Thanks to the generous folks at Anadarko. Thank you American taxpayer.

Treat Li-ion batteries with kid gloves. Crew sustained only minor injuries. I could no longer reasonably guarantee the safety of the crew far offshore with depleted fire extinguishers, expended EPIRB, charred interior, and no PPE to decontaminate to secure food and water supplies. No tow in range.

All gear was lost. Markel Jack-Line policy paid after thorough investigation without fuss: professionals laser-focused on the details of the incident. I was under-insured or self-insured.

Review and update your policy for Scheduled Personal Property in excess of the minimum. My policy covered only \$1k electronics. Aboard were several computers and software, underwater camera, underwater metal detector, etc. Note: drones were excluded without scheduling. The ship was family and priceless.