



Lake Washington Sailing Club Newsletter

Summer, 2009

Commodore's Report:

As Commodore, this is my first opportunity to address you regarding general affairs. Incidentally, I'm always open to your input so please consider my e-mail box open: spjacobs@hotmail.com. However, please use your best "sailor's judgment" as to whom to contact first with specific concerns so you'll get prompt response from the appropriate officer / contact person.

Comprehensively speaking, and notwithstanding some significant issues we really must deal with, I'm satisfied with the state of the club. We've eliminated several recurring problems and made good progress on all others. New stuff seems to pop up weekly however, keeping me and the board members ever vigilant.

Briefly, we are now on cordial terms with all of the Government agencies we are compelled to deal with. Our financial accounts are current and fully paid up and, perhaps most importantly, we have firmly established responsibility standards for what goes on in and around our facilities. For instance, the applicable officials and representatives of the City of West Sacramento, County of Yolo and the Sacramento Port Authority have all agreed that the LWSC has no part in supporting the presence of boats and the people who may be living aboard them in Lake Washington.

I'll leave the other Officer's, Fleet Captains and Race Officials to detail their activities and close by noting what a pleasure it was to accept the Proclamations congratulating us and recognizing our contribution to the community upon our 75th anniversary. I appreciated the warm smiles and applause when I suggested we continue for the next 75 as well. So then, let's all do our respective parts to make sure that happens. Until next time, fair winds to all!

Vice-Commodore's Report:

The 2009 Open House was quite a success.

Fred Turner and his professional crew tell me they gave hundreds of sailboat rides. Ernest Abe tells me his talented crew provided thousands of hot dogs, with mustard, relish, chili and sauerkraut to all comers. Gordon Christianer and his crew provided us with 11 new members. From that you can tell they were on the ball. All in all it was a fun time.

Not part of the open house but certainly an important addition to it is the beautiful new name tags provided by Georgia Eldridge. So let's all wear our tags when at the site so we (or I) can connect names and faces. I mention this because we need to take special notice of our new members and make them part of LWSC.

The new members are:

John Rumsey, Frank Cirill, Robert Avila, Phil Renner, Greg Hatfield, Kent Rosner, Brad Harding, Bart Melhop, Paul Rodriguez, Bill Roehr, Raymundo Reveles, and Matt Darrah.

We also added Mark Sabin slightly before open house. I'm certain I missed a name or two and I do apologize.

A bit of information, some of these new members do not have a sailboat and they are ready, anxious and eager to crew! Your job is to find out who they are. Again, I want to thank all who worked at and made the open house the success it was.

Dinghy Delta Ditch

Make sure to read the article on the next page about the Dinghy Delta Ditch and fill out the enclosed entry form. It's the club's biggest regatta of the year. Come on out!



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Dinghy Delta Ditch

July 25th, 2009

The Dinghy Delta Ditch (DDD) is quickly approaching. If you haven't sailed in this regatta before, you owe it to yourself to give it a try. If you have sailed it before, you don't need to be convinced of how special a regatta it is.

To get up to speed, check out the DDD webpage at:

<http://lwsailing.org/events/ddd2009.shtml>

From there you'll be able to download the Notice of Race that goes along with the enclosed entry form as well as view charts of the area, driving directions to the launching site in Rio Vista (Delta Marina Yacht Harbor) as well as attractions in Sacramento you can tell all your out of town friend about to entice them to make the trip for the regatta.

One thing you'll notice about the Dinghy Delta Ditch is that not only is it the biggest regatta of the year but it also brings sailors from far and wide, even those who are not part of the larger fleets at LWSC. Every LWSC boat we get to the starting line helps convince even more people to make the trip, and they come from all over. We've had people come from Monterey and Half Moon Bay as well as Fresno on one side of the valley and Redding on the other. They come because it's a dinghy regatta like no other. Ask yourself, if people are coming from that far away to participate, shouldn't I be attending if it's in my back yard?

Volunteers needed:

For those who don't have a boat or can't find a crew spot, we do still need a number of volunteers for the regatta. The biggest need is for shuttle drivers. We'll have approximately 50 people who will need to be shuttled from the LWSC clubhouse back to their boats in Rio Vista on the morning of the 25th. If you're free from 10:00 AM until 1:00 PM on July 25th, please either e-mail Ken Crawford at lWSC@thecrawfordfamily.net or call him at (916) 772-4763.

Also contact Ken if you can volunteer for other jobs that day, particularly if you can volunteer you and your power boat with a 25 HP or larger engine for a safety boat.

Race Officer's Report

In my opinion this sailing season has started out to be a great one! With great weather conditions & mild to not too wild winds it has been great sailing at the lake.

We now have a very active fleet of FJ's from an enthusiastic group of students from the University of Ca. Davis. I think this is a huge boost for our club. This fleet is also growing by the month.

Ken Collier, our Port Captain is keeping everything in check & running smoothly with his expertise & experience.

The regatta season is in full swing now with the Thurs night beer can races underway with Brian Schyberg & Ken Crawford from our ever growing Laser Fleet leading the way.

Also, we have the ladies sailing clinic under way now with Debi Glovin doing an outstanding job as usual. Kudo's to the ladies!

The Jazz cup was a great success with two days of perfect weather & winds & a good turnout.. Not to mention the great BBQ. We had 4 sailors & crews from UC Davis in their FJ's& they all had a great time. As with every regatta we also had a great C-15 turn out with a showing of 6 boats. 7 boats were in the open class & everyone had a blast. Every I talked to had a great weekend. Special thanks to all the newcomers to the event!

The next great event out on the agenda is the Delta Ditch Dinghy race on Jul 25th. 30miles from Rio Vista to the Port of Sacto , (LWSC) and is one of the best regattas of the year. This is one of the major highlights of the year for the club, so we hope to see a great day on the Delta!

See the article next to this one for more details,

Locking up:

There have been a couple of times over the last few months when the hoist and the clubhouse were left unlocked. Please remember when you are leaving to check that everything is locked up and the hoist is turned off.

C-15 Fleet Report

This year's C15 Nac's were held at lake Huntington on June 19-21st. We arrived 2 days early to practice day on Wednesday. The wind was very shifty, with temps in the mid to high 60's and clouds on the east end. Thursday and Friday was the same but Saturday and Sunday the wind was more normal in strength and direction for the MHRA Regatta. The night time temps were very cold in the high 30's low 40's. We had 13 boats come and enjoy very tight racing. One bad read of the wind put you in the back.

We raced 9 races without a throw out, this worked well. Most of the boats were a little more cautious about being over early.

In the end, Dave Rumbaugh repeated as champion with Kevin Wasbauer in 2nd followed by Craig Lee in 3rd, 4th went to the Vance's and 5th went to Vincent Paternoster from LA. We finished 1 point behind the 5th place. We were doing fine with 5th place wrapped up until we T boned Craig around the boy scout camp in the last race. It was a hard hit that broke his fairlead.

Next year's Nac will be in Marina del Rey, more information to follow...

Laser Fleet Report

The Laser fleet has seen a large infusion of activity surrounding the Summer – Thursday Evening series. With the additions of Simon Bell, Victor Wood, Aussie Dave Wyllie and former member Dave Rumbaugh, as well as the return to action of Mike Gillum and Fred Turner after his “injury plagued 2008 season”, the Laser fleet has been seeing 8+ boats on the start line each night.

The competition has stiff thus far with Mike G. leading the way at the mid-point of the season with a 5-point lead over Simon. Additionally, with the diverse level of talent throughout the fleet, there is good competition for everyone.

If you own a Laser, you owe it to yourself to come out and enjoy the best racing LWSC has to offer. If you don't own a Laser, why not? There are a couple for sale right now for only \$500. Come down on Thursday night to find out more.

Lido-14 Fleet Report

In April the Lido 14 Fleet had a potluck at graciously hosted by Amy Wandell and Harris Hartmann. Officers for the coming year were selected and a calendar set. The National races this year will be in San Diego and for 2010 they return to Huntington Lake in the Sierras east of Fresno.

We expect a good turnout for the Delta Dinghy Ditch. Last year, three of the boats finished within 75 feet of each other, an amazing feat after almost 30 miles on nonstop racing.

This was probably a record but the big record set in that race was by Jerry Kingsley who due to dismasting, needed a tow the entire distance. In addition to being a Lido 14 record, it was probably a record of for all dinghy classes.

Dock Report

The club has decided to replace the last two old dock sections with new ones. Construction should start in July with completion in July. At least all materials will be procured. Our dock parts come from New York, Petaluma, the Bay Area, and locally.

As long as they last, the old sections will be used as floats for the UCD boats and club owned boats thus getting them off the grounds. They will be easier to use since they can be eased into the water from their 'new' floats rather than carried. Most of them have no trailers or dollies.

Ken Collier and Richard Leijonflycht will be heading up the construction effort. Members should be hearing from them shortly for assistance.

Membership Renewals:

This is a reminder that July 1st is when membership renewals must be paid. You should have received in the mail your membership renewal form just a few days before this newsletter.

If you didn't get one, please e-mail Bob Balkow at rbalkow@gmail.com to arrange for getting a new one sent your way.

Make sure to check your work hours are accurate!