



Lake Washington Sailing Club Newsletter

Summer 2010

Commodore's Report:

So far this spring has been great for the club including a very well attended Opening Day event and lots of member participation at the club. I am very proud to see what we've been up to. A big thank you goes out to Richard L. and all of the volunteers who have worked so hard on the docks.

This spring, I enjoyed sailing with Bryant Bowington's son Spencer on my Hobie 18. I sailed in a Hobie regatta at Woodward Lake, which I enjoyed a lot and managed to sail the boat well enough to win the Hobie 18 class. Even though I missed the last two one design series races, I heard that there has been some good racing at the club except for the fact that the turnout has been low. I hope to see some more members racing their boats at the next one design series on the July 24/25 weekend. I'll be there.

I personally apologize to membership that the board is behind in mailing the renewals out. I wanted to send out a newsletter to the membership to let everyone in the club know what has been happening since the last newsletter and what kind of events are coming up at the club.

Finally, I think that the membership should know that the club faces some serious financial challenges this coming fiscal year in increased charges from the port, increased insurance costs and some major potential capitol expenses. We will also be negotiating a lease agreement with the port and this process will be very important to the future of the club. In addition to those challenges, the club needs to continue to grow in numbers. The members can help in this by greeting new members, participating in events, and introducing any potential sailors that you know to the club.

-Ryan Schofield Commodore 2010

Vice-Commodore's Report:

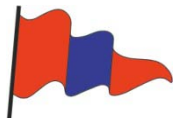
It's renewal time again; how could one year pass so quickly? Dues remain at \$120 per year or \$10 per month. The renewal form, which is included in the newsletter, shows hours credited to your account. As you know, membership carries an obligatory 12 hour, per year, work commitment. I find that work hours quite often do not get 'logged' for a variety of reasons. If you feel that hours shown for you do not reflect what you think they should please, contact me at rbalkow@gmail.com or 916-485-9249. I'll make sure your renewal gets adjusted and your work hours credited. As concerns your renewal you can either mail your check to LWSC PO Box 980546, West Sacramento, CA. 95798 or bring it to the membership meeting on June 24th.

Since the April Open House we have welcomed 17 new members. They are: Matt Bailey, Ken Beck, Margaret Bernard, Christian Dragheim, Gary Hansen, Stephen Klotz, David Ladd, Brandon McClintock, John Mott, Bruce Moulton, Ruben Ramirez, Ronald Ringen, Ben Seward, Terrence Seviour, Roger Sing, Aaron Smith and Matthew Stegman. A super group of very nice sailors; some experienced, some not. If you see a new face around the club say hi, shake hands, talk sailing and welcome them to LWSC.

-Bob Balkow, Vice Commodore

Membership Meeting:

On Saturday July 24th at 10:30 AM, the club will be holding our annual membership meeting. In addition to the board giving an update on club affairs, it's an ideal opportunity to renew your membership. Come on out!



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Race Officer Report

We are now full swing into the sailing season. One Design series concept continues to develop and improve. Since its introduction, we have modified the program by having an Open Fleet on both Saturday and Sunday. We have been contacted by a group of Windmills that is looking for a central location to sail. They will be joining us on Saturdays. Join me by making their visit memorable.

When we ventured out on developing the One Design approach we had two overarching goals. Goal one is to develop and strengthen individual fleets and goal two was is to develop seasoned race committee personnel. With respect to goal one, some fleets have like the Lido, C-15 and Thistles have developed a core set of boats that are coming out to sail and are adding new members at each event. The Sunfish, Laser, Banshee and Open, continue to struggle. The Sailing committee would like to hear from each fleet particularly those fleets that are struggling on what we can do to help them build and improve their fleets participation and growth.

As for goal two, developing race committee crews, the plan is working. So far each fleet has stepped up and has honored their commitment to run a race and have done a great job in doing so. We want to thank all who has participated and helped out on the Race Committee. We hope it has given each a new perspective about racing and what it takes to run a race. We continue to seek feedback from all on how we can improve our R/C program.

Included in this newsletter is the Delta Dinghy Ditch Entry Form. The Turkey Shoot and the DDD are our signature events drawing boats from out of the area. If you have raced this race in past years you know how fun it is and if you have not raced in this fun race you need to do it this year. Go to our website and read the NOR carefully, then fill out the included entry form. This race requires trailer and car pool coordination. If you are unable to race in this fun race but would be available to help ferry sailors back to Rio Vista, please contact Ken Crawford. **We need drivers, food servers, RC help and coordinators.**

-Dan Clark, Race Officer

Port Captain's Report

I'm honored to serve club members as Port Captain this year. I appreciate everyone's support and volunteer efforts. Among all our members, we have a great set of skills and experiences to promote sailing at Lake Washington. I would like to hear from you about your particular expertise or talent. I ask for your help.

We always have tasks for building up and maintaining our facilities. For example, we need help this year with painting and refinishing, drafting and engineering, even paperwork and records. Please let me know if you have time and interest in working on a project.

At the April and June workdays, more than 100 volunteer person-hours are quite obvious around the grounds and in the clubhouse. This year, the UCD sailors installed two new benches donated by a member. The LWSC has also worked with RCRC and WOC on joints projects: parking lot maintenance, another concrete picnic table (WOC), a shade structure (a RCRC member eagle scout project), and expanding the grass lawn.

Your volunteer efforts really do make the peninsula a more pleasant place to come sail and visit with friends. We are looking to improve our on-water presence with a better race committee platform and support boats. All our efforts in many areas are bringing members out to the club and attracting new members. It's a great facility. Please come out and enjoy yourselves!

- Dave Candey, Port Captain

Renewals:

Your renewal form is included in this newsletter. Please look it over, confirm all the information on both the front and the back is accurate (double check that e-mail address!) and then either send it to us in the mail with your check or bring it to the membership meeting on July 24th at 10:30 AM.

Dinghy Delta Ditch

The Dinghy Delta Ditch is August 14th and is our club's biggest regatta usually bringing 30+ entrants from other clubs from as far away as Monterey, Redding and Tahoe. I encourage all members to participate. It really is a great regatta.

You'll find included in this newsletter an entry form for the regatta. Because the NOR is 6 pages, it's not included in the newsletter to save on postage. However, you can find it as well as more information on the regatta on our website at:

<http://lwsailing.org/events/ddd2010.shtml>

Make sure you read the NOR carefully to understand the timeline and the shuttles.

For those who can't participate in the regatta, we could really use your help as a volunteer. The two most critical volunteers I need are owners of power boats and shuttle drivers.

For the power boats, we need 4 boats that can make the trip from Rio Vista to LWSC to make sure none of the entrants get into trouble. Most years it is an uneventful/lazy tour of the delta. Some years some towing or helping sailors who have breakage issues comes into play. Please let me know if you have a power boat that you could bring out. We pay for your expenses.

Shuttle drivers are just as important and just about everyone in the club could help. All of the participants in the regatta need a lift from LWSC, where they've left their trailers, back to Rio Vista, where their boats are. This means I need 40-50 car seats for people to be shuttled. If you have a 5-seat car or larger, please let me know.

In addition to those critical roles, I also need registration people, dock coordinators, servers for the BBQ, people to crew on the crash boats, score recorders, and all sorts of other roles. If you're at all available on August 14th, even if it's just for part of the day, please let me know.

For all of these roles you can contact Ken Crawford at (916) 772-4763 or lWSC@thecrawfordfamily.net.

Website improvements

Sometimes website improvements aren't as obvious as the work that is going into them, but there's been a lot of work going on behind the scenes. For starters, there's now a feature to let members reset their own password if they've forgotten it. If you go to the "Membership Roster" link on the sidebar of the main page, you'll notice a "Forgot your password?" link. That'll ask you a personal question to identify yourself and then send you a new password to your e-mail account.

That feature is only possible because of some changes to the underlying website and it will enable a whole slew of new features later this year. We'll be updating how your roster form looks to allow for more flexibility (including having username and passwords for your spouse and children so they can upload their own e-mail addresses and the such). We'll also be adding a crew list section where you can look for crew or request to be crew. We'll also be adding a photo posting section so you can post photos from events. Expect to see more details in the fall newsletter.

2010 Calendar

Date	Sailing Event
11-Jul	Sailing BBQ - Sunday
24-Jul	Membership Meeting (10:30 AM)
24-Jul	Saturday Fleet #4
25-Jul	Sunday Fleet #4
31-Jul	Women's Casual Sailing
8-Aug	Women's Casual Sailing
14-Aug	Delta Ditch
22-Aug	Sailing BBQ - Sunday
26-Aug	Last Summer/Evening (Thursdays)
12-Sep	Sailing BBQ - Sunday
18-Sep	Saturday Fleet #5
19-Sep	Sunday Fleet #5
9-Oct	Sailing BBQ - Saturday
7-Nov	Turkey Shoot Regatta