



# Jibs and Jibes

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### Commodore's Message

Welcome to the 2010 season, WSA's 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary year! Founded in 1935, this makes us the oldest inland sailing club in the US. We are planning some special anniversary surprises for this year's Spring Banquet on May 1 at Point Breeze, including reduced cost of your meal. Hope to see you there.

This will be the first time in several years that we will only require one Spring Work Party, now that all the docks have been replaced. Thank you to all those who worked hard to complete this major task. Please come and lend a hand on April 3.

WSA is thankful to those members who have stepped up this year to fill vital positions. Please visit our newly renovated website, <http://www.wsasail.org>, to view the Officers page, as well as many informative articles and great pictures.

Be ready for those good, early sailing days this spring when the wind is brisk and the sun's first warm rays shine down on us. The seasons seem to have been shorter in recent years, so don't miss any opportunities that present themselves. Tune up now!

### Iceboat Sailing

The sport of iceboat sailing is enjoyed by many winter enthusiasts. It offers the excitement and thrill of cold air, a shiny glass-like reflective surface, a challenge to the elements, heeling, and -- not for the faint of heart -- speeds that can reach an amazing 60mph. Iceboat clubs exist on many of our larger lakes. Our own Roger Livingston has been a very active and respected

participant for many years, often sailing weekly, and occasionally traveling to other areas of the country to join other club members enjoying the sport. He occasionally offers reports about ice conditions on Webster Lake.

On Sunday Feb. 7th Roger joined 25 other iceboaters for an enjoyable day of sailing on Webster Lake. Achieving a speed of about 40 mph a mishap occurred and his craft tipped over. He was pinned under the hull and slid some distance before coming to a stop. He was somewhat short of breath and had some difficulty moving when a spectator came to his aid. He suffered a fractured collarbone and presently his arm is in a sling to partially immobilize the fractured site. He's obviously disappointed but sounds to be in reasonably good spirits. We all wish him good luck and a speedy recovery.

### WSA and Winter Cove

By Alan Krupp

As our new editor for Jibs and Jibes I'd like to thank Roger Livingston for his many wonderful years devoted to this position. He's been an inspiration and mentor to so many of us. His smile and willingness to assist those of us with less experience represent a warm welcome to WSA.

Sitting at my computer this morning and peering out my window the thermometer registers 12 degrees and 3 inches of new fluffy snow covers my front lawn. In only a couple of months, however, WSA will come alive with warmth and wind and the anticipation of another beautiful sailing season.

After 13 years of left knee arthritis and a recent increase in pain and limping I elected to have my Chromium/Cobalt total knee replacement on Dec. 7th.

Pleased to report that I'm rehabilitating well and hope to be at full function for our 2010 opening. My Sunfish is safely tucked away in my garage and my Hunter 170, under its Home Depot blue tarp, is surviving the winter snow. If truth be known I actually enjoy shoveling my long driveway but would much prefer setting up the mast and attaching the boom, shrouds, and the jib-furling forestay. My memories of Winter Cove are all of spring, summer, and fall and the multi colored wind-filled sails that dot the skyline. One of my favorites is, of course, that well known catamaran (see below). So, despite today's 12-degree temperature I hope we'll all be blessed with good health, an early springtime with warmth and wind, and high spirits for another successful sailing season.

Happy New Year and A Happy 75th WSA Anniversary!



## Sky Color

"Red sky at night, sailor's delight. Red sky in morning, sailor's warning."

Is there any basis for sky color and the weather? Shakespeare thought so. In "Venus and Adonis":

Like a red morn, that ever yet betokened  
Wreck to the seaman, tempest to the field,  
Sorrow to shepherds, woe unto the birds,  
Gusts and foul flaws to herdmen and to herds.

In Mathew (XVI, 2-3) Jesus said, "When in evening, ye say, It will be fair weather, for the sky is red. And in the morning, it will be foul weather today, for the sky is red and lowering." For centuries farmers and sailors relied on weather lore to plant crops and navigate ships.

So, is there any scientific truth in the old adage above? Perhaps within limits. Rays of sunlight splitting into colors as they pass through the atmosphere ricocheting off particles and water vapor, tend to produce the colors

we see in the sky. Varying amounts of dust particles and water vapor in the atmosphere seem to be fairly good indicators of weather conditions. Blown by westerlies, weather in the US tends to move from west to east meaning that storms also tend to move in from the west. The sun is low in the sky during sunrise and sunset and transmits light through the thickest part of the atmosphere. A red sky usually means an atmosphere filled with dust and moisture particles. We see red because red wavelengths, being the longest in our visual spectrum, break through the atmosphere, but shorter wavelengths such as blue are scattered. Seeing a red sky at night suggests the setting sun is sending its light through a high concentration of dust particles indicating high pressure and stable air coming in from the West. Good weather expected.

A red sunrise reflects dust particles from a system just having passed from the west suggesting a storm system may be moving to the east. A deep fiery red morning sky often indicates high atmospheric water content and rain on its way.

Conclusion: from biblical and Shakespearean lore to atmospheric dust particles and water vapor combined with an understanding of color wavelengths in our visual spectrum, there is indeed some truth in "Red sky at night, sailor's delight. Red sky in morning, sailor's warning."



**WEBSTER SAILING ASSOCIATION 2010 CALENDAR OF EVENTS****PHONE: 508-949-SAIL(7245) WEBSITE: WWW.WSASAIL.ORG**

MAR	1	MON	DUES DUE FOR RENEWING MEMBERS TO JOE AURELIO, SECRETARY PENALTY WILL BE ENFORCED FOR LATE PAYMENT	
APR	1	THUR	W.S.A. PROPERTY OPEN FOR MEMBER USE & BOAT STORAGE	
	3	SAT	OPENING WORK PARTY DOCKS, BOATS, CLEAN-UP, REPAIRS 9:00 AM PAINTING OF THE EXTERIOR OF THE ANCHORAGE <b>RAIN DATE, SAT 4/10</b>	
MAY	1	SAT	SPRING BANQUET & BUSINESS MEETING, POINT BREEZE RESTAURANT 6PM COCKTAILS, 7PM DINNER, 8PM BUSINESS MEETING	
JUN	6	SUN	1ST POINT SCORE RACE	2:00 START
			SEASON OPENING , HOSTS: PROGRAM COMMITTEE, WINE AND CHEESE,	4:00 PM
	13	SUN	2ND POINT SCORE RACE	2:00 START
	26	SAT	1 <sup>ST</sup> FULL MOON SAIL: GET TOGETHER WITH SOME FRIENDS!	SUNSET
	27	SUN	3RD POINT SCORE RACE	2:00 START
JUL	4	SUN	JULY 4TH TROPHY RACE (ONE RACE) FRIENDS & FAMILY DAY (ALL MEMBERS INVITED) HOSTS: PROGRAM COMMITTEE 4:00- 5:00 LAKE TOURS & WINE & CHEESE; 5:00 COOKOUT	<b>2:00 START</b>
	11	SUN	4TH POINT SCORE RACE	
	18	SUN	5TH POINT SCORE RACE	2:00 START
	25	SUN	6TH POINT SCORE RACE	2:00 START
	25	SUN	2 <sup>ND</sup> FULL MOON SAIL	SUNSET
AUG	1	SUN	CRAVER MEMORIAL TROPHY RACE (ONE RACE)	<b>2:00 START</b>
	7	SAT	SUNFISH REGATTA NUMBER OF RACES TO BE DETERMINED BY RACE COMMITTEE <b>OPEN RACES: PREREGISTRATION FOR NON-MEMBERS ON WEBSITE</b>	<b>1:00 START</b>
	8	SUN	7TH POINT SCORE RACE	2:00 START
	15	SUN	8TH POINT SCORE RACE	2:00 START
	22	SUN	9 <sup>TH</sup> POINT SCORE RACE	2:00 START
	27	FRI	3 rd FULL MOON SAIL	SUNSET
	29	SUN	PHIL NIMS MEMORIAL TROPHY RACE(ONE RACE)	2:00 START
SEP	4	SAT	POINT BREEZE CUP RACE, POINT BREEZE RESTAURANT 9 –10 REGISTRATION ; 10 SKIPPER’S MEETING ; DINNER, APPROXIMATELY 5PM, WITH AWARDS TO FOLLOW	1:00 START
	12	SUN	OPEN , OR TROPHY MAKE – UP RACE FALL BANQUET AND BUSINESS MEETING, AT THE ANCHORAGE MEETING 5:00 POT LUCK BANQUET 6:00 PLEASE SIGN UP IN ADVANCE FOR A DISH AND A DESSERT THAT YOU’RE BRINGING	2:00 START
	24	FRI	4 <sup>TH</sup> FULL MOON SAIL	SUNSET
OCT	23	SAT	CLOSING WORK PARTY	9:00AM
NOV	30	SUN	W.S.A. CLOSED FOR THE SEASON - ALL BOATS MUST BE REMOVED	

NOTE: THE RACE COMMITTEE WILL ALLOW ADDITIONAL DROP RACES FOR THE POINTSCORE RACES.  
THIS WILL ALLOW YOU TO SELECT THE SUNDAYS THAT YOU WISH TO RACE. FAIR WINDS!

**SET YOUR WSA GOALS FOR 2010!**

SAIL MORE? LEARN TO RACE? INTRODUCE SOMEONE TO SAILING? RELAX AT THE LAKE?  
GET MORE INVOLVED ON A COMMITTEE? LEARN TO SAIL A DIFFERENT BOAT?

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