



# Jibs and Jibes

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## It's almost Spring !!!

I like writing the February Jibs and Jibes because it reminds me we will be starting another season at the WSA very soon. It has been a tough winter with the devastating ice storm and all the snow that followed. I haven't been able to get out on the iceboat much, so I'm anxious to get out sailing on the water.

Our goal this year is to try to motivate more people to come to the club and sail. We will have new decks along the waterfront to enjoy and a summer full of events

This year, I expect our membership will be full again. In this poor economy, small boat sailing at Webster Lake is still a very inexpensive activity compared to other sports. Once again, we will have to limit the number of boat parking spaces any one member can have.

## Work Parties

Three work parties have been scheduled this spring...April 4<sup>th</sup> and April 11<sup>th</sup> to build a new deck along the waterfront to the left (facing lake) of the main docks, plus a deck on the gravel in front of the current deck. April 25<sup>th</sup> is the opening work party. We need to build a railing on top of the retaining wall to keep people from falling off. Plus all the other maintenance items we try to accomplish this time of year. So bring tools and lots of ambition.

## Dues

As it is each year your dues must be paid by March 1, 2009. Make sure you include proof of insurance. Without it your membership will not be processed. You will also notice a space on the renewal form for the lottery of the two boat slips. Still \$25.00 per entry.

## Spring Banquet and Meeting

This year's Spring Banquet and Meeting will be held at the Point Breeze Restaurant on Saturday, May 9, 2009 starting at 5:30PM. Make sure you get your reservation forms and check is in by April 22, 2009.

## Starting Line

One of the big changes in racing this year is the Sunfish Regatta. Scheduled for August 8<sup>th</sup>, It is the first time it is open to non members. We will have a registration form

for non-members on our website. Let anyone you know with a Sunfish about this great opportunity to experience racing on Webster Lake.



## Committee Boat

A new bimini top for the committee boat has been purchased and will be installed this spring. Along with the work Bob Cloman did last year, the boat will look great.

## Parking Assignments

I've included the form for parking assignments. Please send them in as soon as possible. I will assign spaces as soon as I verify your paid up membership. On paper, the club is full, so those of you requesting multiple spots may not be accommodated this year. We are making every effort to make spaces available.

## Spring Sailing

One of the most enjoyable times of year to sail is the Spring. The daytime temperatures are getting warmer and the winds are great. But the water temperature has not had a chance to warm up and is still in the 40's. Hypothermia is a big danger for anyone who goes in the water this time of year. Your survival time is not very long in cold water and you rapidly lose muscle control. Sailboats can capsize or people can fall out of boats. The important thing is to get out of the water as soon as possible. If your boat has capsized, climb on top of it until help arrives. Do not stay in the water and try and right the boat. Wear life jackets at all times. Practice man overboard drills. Teach your crew what to do in an emergency.

Stay safe this spring.

## Cleanup Assignments

Saif Saifullah will be taking over for Donna Strok this year. Donna did a terrific job and I know Saif will do an equally good job. If you get assigned to cleanup this year, consider it an opportunity to contribute to the club. Although it is every member's responsibility to help with keeping the facilities clean, it doesn't happen. That is why we needed to adopt a system of assigning the job. So, if your turn comes up, do the best job you can.



MAR	1	SAT	<b>DUES DUE FOR RENEWING MEMBERS, TO JOE AURELIO, SECRETARY PENALTY WILL BE ENFORCED FOR LATE PAYMENT</b>	
APR	1	WED	W.S.A. PROPERTY OPEN FOR MEMBER USE & BOAT STORAGE	
	4	SAT	DECK – BUILDING WORK PARTY I BRING CARPENTRY TOOLS	9:00 AM
	11	SAT	DECK – BUILDING WORK PARTY II “ “	“ 9:00 AM
	18	SAT	<b>RAIN-DATE</b> FOR DECK BUILDING WORK PARTIES ABOVE	9:00 AM
	19	SAT	OPENING WORK PARTY (DOCKS, BOATS, CLEAN-UP, REPAIRS)	9:00 AM
MAY	9	SAT	<b>SPRING BANQUET AND BUSINESS MEETING:</b> POINT BREEZE RESTAURANT, WEBSTER 5:30PM COCKTAILS, 6PM DINNER, 7PM BUSINESS MEETING	
JUN	7	SUN	<b>SEASON OPENING</b> , HOSTS: PROGRAM COMMITTEE, WINE AND CHEESE, 4:00 PM	
			<b>1ST POINT SCORE RACE</b>	2:00 START
			1 <sup>ST</sup> FULL MOON SAIL	SUNSET
	14	SUN	2ND POINT SCORE RACE	2:00 START
	28	SUN	3RD POINT SCORE RACE	2:00 START
JUL	5	SUN	<b>JULY 4TH TROPHY RACE</b>	<b>1:00 START</b>
			FAMILY DAY (ALL MEMBERS INVITED) HOSTS: PROGRAM COMMITTEE 4:00 – 5:00 LAKE TOURS, SOCIAL HOUR , WINE AND CHEESE 5:00PM COOKOUT	
	7	FRI	2ND FULL MOON SAIL	SUNSET
	12	SUN	4TH POINT SCORE RACE	2:00 START
	19	SUN	5TH POINT SCORE RACE	2:00 START
	26	SUN	6TH POINT SCORE RACE	2:00 START
AUG	2	SUN	<b>CRAVER MEMORIAL RACE</b>	2:00 START
	5	WED	3RD FULL MOON SAIL	SUNSET
	8	SAT	<b>SUNFISH REGATTA OPEN RACES</b>	<b>1:00START</b>
			<b>PREREGISTRATION FOR NON-MEMBERS ON WEBSITE</b>	
	9	SUN	7TH POINT SCORE RACE	2:00 START
	16	SUN	8 <sup>TH</sup> POINT SCORE RACE	2:00 START
	23	SUN	9 <sup>TH</sup> POINT SCORE RACE	2:00 START
	30	SUN	<b>PHIL NIMS MEMORIAL TROPHY RACE</b>	2:00 START
SEPT	4	MON	4 <sup>TH</sup> FULL MOON SAIL	SUNSET
	5	SAT	<b>POINT BREEZE CUP RACE</b> , POINT BREEZE RESTAURANT 9 –10 REGISTRATION; 10 SKIPPER’S MEETING ; 1:00 RACE START DINNER, APPROXIMATELY 5PM AWARDS TO FOLLOW	1:00 START
	10	SUN	OPEN , OR TROPHY MAKE – UP RACE <b>FALL BANQUET AND BUSINESS MEETING</b> , AT THE ANCHORAGE MEETING 5:00 POT LUCK BANQUET 6:00	2:00 START
OCT	24	SAT	CLOSING WORK PARTY	9:00 AM
NOV	30	SUN	W.S.A. CLOSED FOR THE SEASON - <b>ALL BOATS MUST BE REMOVED</b>	

NOTES: 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!

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