



Jibs and Jibes

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A Slow Start

It's already the middle of July 2006 and it seemed like the weather was working against us. After a very successful dock building party and opening day work party, things went downhill. Heavy rains had raised the level of the lake so much, they closed the lake to boat traffic one weekend forcing the cancellation of one of the point score races. It seemed like we would never get started.

Then came the weekend of July 1st with fair weather and wind. On July 2nd the 4th of July Trophy race was held. Although it was too windy to race for a few people (including yours truly) 4 boats completed the race in spectacular fashion. After the race more people started showing up for Friends and Family Day which was also a farewell party for Mel and Norene Tews. By 3:00 pm, there were over 40 people

there...the best turnout I have seen for this event. A special thanks to the program committee and Doug and Kathy Kenyon for helping to organize it. Below is a note from Mel and Norene.

Dear Friends at WSA,

We want to thank all of you for the lovely party for us on July 2nd. We enjoyed seeing so many friends we've known over the many years at the Club. There were fond memories recalled of the social and sailing exploits. Thanks for coming and making the day special.

Special thanks go to the organizers, Kathy Kenyon and Jacqui Casavant. They did a marvelous job decorating the club house and making certain that the excellent food and beverage choices were present. We don't think the club house ever looked that good before with flower bouquets and colorful table cloths. We enjoyed the variety of dishes and probably ate too much. But, then it was a celebration.

We've enjoyed being members of the Club these many years and will miss you all as we move to Florida. The Club has certainly flourished and continues to have good leadership. So when we visit in the future we know there will be a strong, healthy Webster Sailing Association.

Thanks for all the great memories.

Fair Winds,

Mel and Norene Tews

A Sad Farewell

Bill Boyd, former commodore and treasurer passed away this spring. Much of the success of the WSA can be attributed to Bill's assistance over the years. He remained very involved in the organization and attended the last executive committee this winter. He will be missed by all of us.

Roland Witherell passed away September 14, 2005. Roland and his wife Anita were longtime members of the WSA. They loved to race in their Day Sailer and I got to crew with Roland many times. I will always remember the good times we had together.

Fleet News

The Day Sailer North American Championships will be held July 24-26 at Lake Massapoag in Sharon, Massachusetts. Even if you do not race, this is a rear opportunity to see a championship regatta right in your back yard.

The Mariner National Championship Regatta will be held July 28-30 at the Narrasketuck Yacht Club in Amityville, New York.

Starting Line



Only one trophy race and two point score races have been sailed as we go to press. Hopefully, the weather will be a little kinder to us for the rest of the season.

On Saturday, July 15th, the race committee tried to hold the Sunfish Regatta. Although three boats showed up, only two boats were sailable and the race was cancelled. This is the second year in a row this has happened. Unless the Sunfish sailors can get together and guarantee enough boats showing up for the event, the race will no longer be scheduled.

July 4th Trophy Race Results

1 st	Peter Schotanus
2 nd	Damon O'Palick
3 rd	Peter Stone
4 th	Robert Wilson

Upcoming Events

July 23	5 th Point Score Race
July 30	6 th Point Score Race
August 6	Craver Memorial Trophy Race
August 9	3 rd Full Moon Sail
August 13	7 th Point Score race
August 20	8 th Point Score race
August 27	Phil Nims Memorial Race
September 2	Point Breeze Cup Race
September 7	4 th Full Moon Sail
September 10	Fall Banquet and Business Meeting
September 17	Yankee Challenge Race At Crystal Lake
October 21	Closing Work Party

Remember...this is your club. Let's see some participation.

Welcome New Members

Richard & Carol Ballou, Sudbury, MA
Link & Denise Richardson, South Windsor, CT
Robert Wilson & Linda Sopp, North Hampton, MA
Patricia & Joseph Piniarski, Webster, MA
Bob & Donna Godfrey, Worcester, MA
Lewis Wolfenson, Boston, MA
Greg & Julie Kline, North Brookfield, MA
Tom & Katie Merrell, Medfield, MA
Robert Mooney, Webster, MA
Martin & Monika Schmid, Mendon, MA
Charles & Jacki Walsh, South Grafton, MA

We welcome you to the organization and hope to see you enjoying our wonderful facility along with sailing Webster Lake.

Down to the Sea



One of the main reasons we purchased a larger boat this past year was to sail on the ocean in comfort and safety. With our newly acquired Mariner, Sally and I have made several trips to Narragansett Bay this season. Launching from Allen Harbor in North Kingstown, we sailed from one end of the bay to the other. We even stayed over night on the boat...a little cramped for space, but fun. The appeal of a big open area to sail, lots of places to explore and nice steady winds makes ocean sailing an experience any sailor would enjoy. If anyone is interested in sailing their boat with us on one of these trips, please contact me: mlivingston@tccsecure.com or call after 6:00 weekdays (508) 852-3363.

Note: You will need a motor to get out of Allen Harbor.

Advice from the Experts

Need Help With Your Sailing Endeavors? Want to start racing? Or just want to have more fun sailing? Look For Tom Pezzella, Norm Coultier, or George Chabot around the anchorage, they have a wealth of knowledge and they also know others who might have answers.

Special Thanks

WSA would like to thank Phil Plasse and his company, New England Paving, for donating the asphalt and labor to pave the entrance to the sailing Association. We really appreciate it, Phil!

Keep it Clean

We are a member run organization. It is each member's responsibility to help with the maintenance of the property and to keep it clean. Make sure you pick up after yourself. If you see debris flying around, pick it up. There is a lawnmower in the shed which you can use to mow the weeds in you boat parking space. If you see something that needs fixing and you have the skills to fix it, then take the initiative and do it.

Most important, let us know how we can improve the Webster Sailing Association.

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