



Lake Washington Sailing Club Newsletter

Spring, 2010

Commodore's Report:

Your board is looking forward to having a great year ahead. We have a full sailing calendar planned that is posted in the calendar section of the web site. New this year is women's fun sail days, a revamped second Sunday fun sail program and the reworked racing program.

I am hoping to see all of you at one point or another this year at the club sailing or helping out on one of the various committees. Speaking of committees, your board has formed a budget committee that will be meeting soon to figure out what the 2010-2011 budget should be. Member input is welcome, just get a hold of me and give me your input.

The club is a great place to come have fun and form new friendships while sharing our common interest of sailing. This year more than ever the club needs your help to have a successful year. As a member your volunteering to be on a committee really helps the club run smoothly and also helps members get to know other members. As well as volunteering, having more members come out to club activities makes coming to the club more fun for everyone.

The board will be working on setting some priorities for improvements at the club, identifying future capital improvement and repair projects, and working to improve social activities at the club.

Your Commodore for 2010 would like to hear member feedback of all kinds. Feel free to give me a call or send me an email.

I hope to see more families at the club this year for the fun sail events later this year. See you at the club.

-Ryan Schofield, Commodore

Vice-Commodore's Report:

On Sat., April 24 we are looking forward to hosting the public to our Open House-Sail a Small Boat day. This is the day that we, as a sail club, and we as members, all pitch in and welcome the public to our special domain. It is a day to come on out, whether you're working or just a sailor enjoying a day at the lake.

We will be providing sailboat rides (weather permitting) for the public, light snacks (hot dogs, soda etc.) for a small price, static displays of boats and equipment and sailing demonstrations. Come on out, get acquainted, talk about sailing and enjoy the day; BUT DON'T bring your boat unless you are a designated sailboat "driver" or demonstrator. Space on that day becomes a problem.

Another note, another subject:

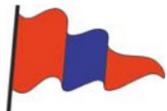
Our membership now stands at 116 members with 21 of that number being students with the UC Davis sail team. That's down a little bit from last year, but overall we're in OK shape.

However, we're always looking for more members and make sure you tell your friends and extended family about the club. Bring them down to the Open House, it's the best opportunity for them to learn about the club and join.

-Bob Balkow, Vice Commodore

Locking up:

There have been a few too many times over the last year 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.



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Race Officer Report

This year the LWSC Sailing Committee, comprised of Bruce McDevitt, Richard Leijonflycht, Mike Gillum, Steve Fishman and I, have two **main** goals for members who are interested in racing. The first goal is to strengthen the various One-Design classes within the LWSC and Sacramento area. To achieve this goal we have elected to modify our racing program by dropping the Jazz Cup, keeping the Delta Dinghy Ditch Run, Turkey Shoot and inserting the One-Design Series. This series will be a five race series stretching over the spring and summer from March 27th to September 19th. Go to www.lwsailing.org and check-out the One-Design Series NOR for times and schedules. Note that we have scheduled most of the racing to start mid-afternoon, leaving the morning and early afternoon to host various sailing activities designed to develop and strengthen individual sailing skills and classes.

Our second goal is to develop skilled race committee members within the club. To reach this goal, each race day of the series will be staffed primarily by volunteers from each fleet that race on alternating weekend days. In addition, we encourage any LWSC member who may not be interested in racing, but would like to be on the water and **a part** of the racing crew, to come out and join us. As we continue to develop our foundation of qualified racing committee crew members, we are searching for 2-4 members who would like to be Club Race Officers (PRO). The qualifications are as follows;

- Be at least 18 years old
- Be recognized as having outstanding personal character
- Have experience as a racing sailor
- Have served at least twice on race management duties
- Have attended or will attend a race management seminar
- The Club Race Officer will be in charge of on the water racing for the day of the event.

If you're interested in helping out on the Race Committee or becoming a PRO, please contact:

Dan Clark @ clark3347@yahoo.com or
Steve Fishman @ sfishman@saccanidist.com.

Also, if you have any suggestions or ideas about what we can do to improve, promote and develop our sailing program at LWSC, please contact me or any member of the Sailing Committee. As the sailing season begins, look in your email or our website for information about all our up-coming sailing activities and events.

You are invited to come out and participate in the racing activities as a racer and/or a racing crew member. In any case we will see you on the water.

-Dan Clark, Race Officer

Treasurer's Report

From a financial standpoint the club had highlights and emphasis areas both for 2009 and 2010. In 2009, we settled accounts with the City of West Sacramento in the areas of security and electrical bills, a project started by the previous board. We also saw an increase in membership and a modest increase in the Club's cast account. No larger projects were started nor were there any large capital outlays.

For 2010, necessary dock repairs and expansion make up a sizeable part of the budget. The cost of these repairs will be about \$6000. The Commodore has created a budget for the year and it has been discussed at board meetings. Projections would put leave us with a \$4000 net loss for the year ending June 2010 and hta tmoney would impact our cash reserves.

Going forward, there seems to be some reoccurring themes that will help the budget and the bottom line. The board agrees that events should be designed to produce a modest profit so that we pay as we go with those items. Increasing membership will both enhance the value of the club and help fund needed items and repairs. Volunteer work, such as we have seen with the building of the new docks, stretches our budget in a good way. The dedications of the club members will make this another great year for LWSC.

- Gary Olson, Treasurer

C-15 Fleet Report

The C-15's excited to be participating in the One-Design series being promoted by the club. C-15's are scheduled to race on Saturday, so come on out

This year's NAC's will be held at South Coast Corinthian YC hosted by The Marina del Rey Fleet with John Richardson as the contact. The poster is well done with Dave and Anne on the poster representing Fleet 20.

2010 C-15 Schedule:

Month	Date	Location
Saturday Fleet #1	27-Mar	LWSC
HMB Commodores	1&2-May	HMB
Saturday Fleet #2	15-May	LWSC
Saturday Fleet #3	12-Jun	LWSC
2010 C-15 Nac's	23-25	SCCYC
Saturday Fleet #4	24-Jul	LWSC
Delta Ditch	14-Aug	LWSC
Saturday Fleet #5	18-Sep	LWSC
VCC-HMB	25&26-Sep	HMB
Turkey Shoot Regatta	7-Nov	LWSC

-Steve Fishman, C-15 Fleet Captain

Laser Fleet Report

The big buzz this year is all about the Lake Washington One Design Series. The Laser races will be held on Sundays. Since there is no racing for Lasers on Saturdays, we are free to race in another class or come down to help out with committee or otherwise as needed.

Don't forget these other Lake Washing Sailing Club Laser races for 2010:

- LWSC Summer Series, racing every Thursday night, May 6th thru August 26th
- LWSC Dinghy Delta Ditch regatta, saturday, August 14th
- LWSC Turkey Shoot regatta, Sunday, November 7th

See you on the water!

-Brian Schyberg, Laser Fleet Captain

Lido-14 Fleet Report

The Lido fleet met at the home of Kathy Hebbler on Saturday, March 6. We enjoyed a wonderful potluck dinner with all the fixings. After dinner we sat down to a lengthy business meeting where we discussed many items from a full agenda led by Richard Leijonflycht. Here is your 2010 Lido officers:

Fleet Captain: Bruce McDevitt
Fleet Secretary: Pat Sayer-Handley
Comm. Officer: Penny Chwalowski
Membership chair: Richard Leijonflycht
Fleet Measurer: Mike Gillum

We discussed the possible venues and dates for the District Championships that our fleet is responsible for in 2010. We decided that the District 2 championships will be at Lake Washington on Sept. 11 & 12, 2010. This is a tentative selection. Mark Dawson, the District II Secretary with help from Richard Leijonflycht, has volunteered to organize the event.

Upcoming events:

Saturday, May 15: Lido fleet will host the One-Design series. Bruce McDevitt will be PRO.
Sunday, May 16: Hope for a big turnout for racing at One-Design series. "A" skippers will volunteer to help tune and give advice on Lido performance.
Saturday, May 8: Lido Fleet #8 meeting in the evening around 6:00 p.m. place TBD.
on Saturday, August 7: Outing to Rancho Seco Lake.

We also are discussing attending the High Sierra Regatta at Huntington Lake on July 10 & 11, and the Lido Nationals on July 13-15 also at Huntington. Boat measurement for the Nationals will take place on Monday July 12 at the event.

-Bruce McDevitt, Lido 14 Fleet Captain

Membership Renewal:

Membership renewals should be sent to members in late May and must be returned, paid in full by July 1st. If you have not received your renewal by June 1st, please contact the club.

Member report from NOOD

Recently I took a trip to San Diego to Sail in the NOOD regatta on South San Diego Bay with Carole Vailincourt and her Buccaneer 18. The trip started out with me getting up on Friday morning at 3:30 AM to go over to my shop and pick up the boat and some clothes, then on the Freeway to Sacramento.

Little did we know Friday was going to be one very long day. About twenty five miles south of Stockton, I look in the mirror to see oh crap a blow out on the trailer. Changing a tire on the side of I-5 is really no fun, but got the task done, then we headed into Stockton to get two new tires for the trailer. The blowout had been so bad that the tire took out the fender and the tail light on that side. Well after three hours we were back on the road with two new tires and a new tail light.

In the morning, after being told by another sailor in our class that we should head out to the San Diego YC to go sign in and get our registration packet, we headed out not knowing exactly where the darn San Diego YC was. After getting lost, my faithful GoogleMaps application on my Blackberry got us there. The San Diego YC was crazy busy and finding registration was a bit challenging. After getting our registration packet we headed back to the Coronado YC. This whole trip having just used an hour and half or so of our morning and the boat still wasn't rigged.

Arriving back at the Coronado YC, the parking lot was much fuller with cars, but not many boats left. After putting the mast up and getting ready to raise the jib, I noticed hey wait a minute the magic box on the side of the mast that the jib halyard attaches to is missing some stuff. After a scramble, Carole and I find all the parts in the bottom of the boat thank goodness. After getting past that hurdle and successfully rigging the boat and putting it into the water, we set out for a day of racing.

The getting lost on the way over to the San Diego YC and the magic box issue had caused us to be way late getting on the water. Needless to say, we missed the first race.

After waiting a long time, the second race finally started. We got a decent start and headed up towards the weather mark. We rounded the weather mark in I think fourth place with the wind building from around

eight to ten to a bit more. Heading down wind with the spinnaker up, I wondered why are all the boats in our fleet going left and right. We sailed right down the center of the course with good puffs pushing us along. We were gaining ground quickly on the lead boat that had gone left. More little puffs as we got closer to the finish line hit us and kept us moving well. After telling Carole that we gonna be close and to keep the kite powered up. Darn it we passed the lead boat and take first.

We thought all that hassle at the beginning of the day was now behind us. Not quite, as the retrieval line on the spinnaker had come off. Needless to say the curse was not over. After struggling with the spinnaker we finally go the line re attached and the kite stowed. But, we had missed another race while trying to fix the problem.

On to the last race of the day, we rounded the weather mark in fourth, but when we hoisted the spinnaker and the stupid thing was fouled as I didn't get the retrieval line run right. Carole fixed it as the next and last boat passed us. Man it was a rough day, and we hoped Sunday will be better.

Sunday morning comes around and we arrive at the Coronado YC early and rig the boat. There is not a lot of wind, and I wondered what the ailing was going to be like. After a tow out to the race course from the race committee we saw there was very little wind. After a long postponement a slight breeze filled in.

The first start was not one of my better starts. I decided to take a flyer to the right side of the course and see what happens. We got into a big shift and started passing boats. After rounding the weather mark, we start going down wind, but couldn't pass many more. We finished the race in fifth and a bit frustrated. The Race Committee indicated that they were calling the racing for the day, so with wind is filling in, Carole and I decide to do some more sailing to practice and see the sights on San Diego bay. We sailed up the bay past the Navy base on Coronado Island and after sailing by the Midway, which is a retired aircraft carrier museum, we make it back to the Coronado YC. The drive back to Sacramento the next day is uneventful. After a long trip, I am left wondering, when is the next road trip?

-Ryan Schofield

Dock Repair

A very large team of club members worked very hard this spring to replace the remaining sections of dock to the East of the club. Half of the sections were replaced a few years ago and now the remaining sections have been replaced.

This will allow us to use the older sections, which will be placed behind the new sections, to store the CFJ boats that the UC Davis sailing team has been storing on the tip of the peninsula for the interim.

The first part of the project was to create the wood frames and attach the floats to them. This was completed on March 2nd and they were rolled down the ramp and floated on that day.

Volunteers included (right to left): Ken Collier, Michael Pascual, Richard Leijonflycht, Aaron Jones, Chris Nauta, Jerry Schminke, Rod Laas, Bob Balkow, Tom Heavey, Steve Jacobs, and Jeff Cook (partially obscured)



(Volunteers not pictured include, the photographer, Stan Jones. and Port Captain, Dave Candey.)

Moving the docks was a difficult task as they weighed over 1000 pounds each without decking and 2000 pounds with. Luckily the trip was downhill and the plethora of volunteers made it easier.

From there, the docks were towed over to their new location and planked. As with our other docks synthetic material was used for the decking for a longer life (wood was used for the structural members).

Finally, they had all the mounting hardware attached and the main project was complete on Saint Patrick's Day (March 17th).

Now that's something to raise a pint to!

2010 Calendar

Month	Sailing Event	Date
April	Spring Work Day Open House	17-Apr 24-Apr
May	Casual Women's Sailing Summer/Evening Series starts (Thursdays) Sailing BBQ - Sunday Saturday Fleet #2 Sunday Fleet #2	2-May 6-May 9-May 15-May 16-May
June	Exclusive Use Day for River City Rowing Saturday Fleet #3 Sunday Fleet #3 Women's Sailing Lessons Women's Sailing Lessons Sailing BBQ - Sunday Women's Sailing Lessons	6-Jun 12-Jun 13-Jun 17-Jun 19-Jun 20-Jun 26-Jun
July	Sailing BBQ - Sunday Saturday Fleet #4 Sunday Fleet #4 Women's Casual Sailing	11-Jul 24-Jul 25-Jul 31-Jul
August	Women's Casual Sailing Delta Ditch Sailing BBQ - Sunday Last Summer/Evening (Thursdays)	8-Aug 14-Aug 22-Aug 26-Aug
September	Sailing BBQ - Sunday Saturday Fleet #5 Sunday Fleet #5	12-Sep 18-Sep 19-Sep
October	Sailing BBQ - Saturday	9-Oct
November	Turkey Shoot Regatta	7-Nov

Opening Day

April 24, 2010

10:30a to 3:30p

Free Sailboat Rides

This event is open to everyone--sailors and non sailors, young and old. Bring warm, waterproof clothing and a PFD if you have them. Free rides will be available, depending on weather conditions, on a first come first serve basis.

Food and refreshments



Where: At the Port of Sacramento--Lake Washington Sailing Club.
Drive Harbor Blvd. south from I-80 in west Sacramento. Turn right on Industrial Blvd. and follow the signs to LWSC

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Visit our Website at
www.lwsailing.org

Sail a Small Boat Day

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