



Sailing into our 51st year



**Raegan Morgan in
San Juan, PR**

From the Editor...

Well, here it is, my first edition of the *Log*. If you can read this, then it must have come together, although I'm probably drinking

heavily now that it's done. It's been a challenge, but I hope the finished product is something you find useful and interesting. (Software, hardware, internet... they all played a role in my newfound mental instability with their vexing taunts!)

In an effort to make the *Log* more enjoyable to read, I've decided to add feature articles, tidbits, and photos from the members. If you have something you'd like to share, feel free to send it my way. We'd love to hear about your adventures — whether to faraway lands or the lake just down the road. I hope you enjoy it.

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My Fantasy Sail Weekend With Gary Jobson

**By Carrie Pfister
Merit 25-Splash**

December 3-5, 2004 turned out to be a bit more exciting than I had imagined when I joined close to 70 other sailors in Fort Meyers, Florida. The 2004 Fantasy Sail Weekend with Gary Jobson, sponsored by the The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society for top fundraisers for the Leukemia Cup Regatta, and hosted by Steve and Doris Colgate.

We arrived from all over the U.S. early Friday to our new venue, the Pink Shell Beach Resort and Spa. After a day on the beach (Hobbies at your disposal), everyone met in the ballroom to meet our team and crew for the next day's racing. Our crew included 3 members from Michigan and one from Maine; one lightening sailor, two 40 foot Beneteau sailors and a man who skipped a Hinckley 50, electric winches and all.

After the assignments, we attended a cocktail reception with Gary Jobson, the Colgate's and about 10 press members. This was to be an event: the second time Gary had been out sailing on a boat since his diagnosis with lymphoma over a year ago. He looks great and energy level appears to be back to normal. I also met the Colgates and their staff. Their location on Captiva is closed for the next year while being renovated. Everything was moved to the Pink Shell, and they had ten Colgate 26's ready for us the next morning. According to their staff, they

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From the Commodore

Hope the season found you all well and Santa brought the sailing goodies you all needed. I am starting to question Santa. I didn't get the Cape Dory Typhoon I wanted but, instead I got a warm pair of socks. I've been bad, but not that bad.

In January the e-board will finish the budget to be voted on at the Winter Membership meeting in February. This is an important meeting and should be attended by all members. This is the meeting where the amount of the dues is set and plans are made for the coming year. Everyone's input is important for the welfare of the club.

Next week is the boat show (if the newsletter goes out in time) and you still have time to sign up for tending the CLSC booth. The show is a lot of fun and the Anchorage will have lots of new boats to crawl in. The time counts as workdays. It is the lightest work we have in the club and is much better than pulling the breakwater up. If the newsletter didn't make it, then the boat show was a lot of fun this year. Thank you for all who helped at the CLSC booth. For those who did not, see you at the breakwater this spring.



**Mike and Jackie
(club historian) Gurley at
Dana Point in California.**

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From the Webmaster

Hi, as your webmaster, I'd like to remind everyone in the club the benefits of signing up for a login on our website, <http://www.sailcarter.org>. I've noticed about a third of our club members have not yet signed up for a login. Here are some of the things you can do once logged in:

- Look up any other club member's address and phone number.
- Update your own contact info.
- Contribute photos to the website.
- Participate in all of the web discussions.
- And more.



Steve Undy in the BVI.

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had just finished 3 months of intense work making sure the boats were back in perfect shape and identical for Saturday's race. Note made to self from the Colgate Crew: when ANYTHING goes wrong on these boats, let the topping lift off.

Saturday morning we had a pool side breakfast, picked up our lunches and had press interviews. Then we listened to Gary Jobson present the SI's with a bonus at the end: He drew numbers for three of the boats, and would drive each one for a race. And he drew our boat as one...race #3. It was about an hour sail out to the course, where we all tried out roles on the boat.

The boats were great! Open like a U20, roller furled jib and a spinaker. The race courses were windward/leeward. The weather was in the 80's, nice and sunny, and as the day progressed the current picked up. We wound up with 6 races and our crew was all over the board: 2nd Place, 8th Place and the rest in between. The wind started to die in race four, and was non-existent by the second leg of race 6. Like Denver, the wind was incredible on the way back in.

In race 3, Gary Jobson boarded with 2 press members, so our mainsail trimmer decided to go to another boat—it was more than a bit crowded on board ours. We told Gary what each member's job was, and we had a few minutes where he talked about the Olympics and the coverage there. I am not sure how to explain how quiet the boat became when the five minute warning horn went off. He asked for countdowns in 10 second increments from that horn,

on. We placed 6th.... I know we had a huge weight issue with the press in the back. It was incredible to watch the confidence and ease he exhibited at the helm in a race. Granted this was not a Maxi-Race or the Olympics, but I have never seen or felt anything like it.

We attended a formal dinner Saturday night. Everyone was given a gift bag with a copy of his new book, *Gary Jobson's Championship Sailing*, Mount Gay apparel and discount coupons to West Marine. Gary told a few stories of how things went very right and very, very wrong in some big races for him, and showed us a few videos. He ended the night by thanking everyone for their work in the 47 Leukemia Cups held around the US in 2004 that raised \$2.8 million dollars, and the people who are helping to save his life.

Afterwards, I was able to meet with Gary and talk about the untapped market we have in Denver with the regatta event. He agreed to come to Denver and

help us with a kickoff event. It will be held Saturday, March 19th, location and ticket sales to be announced. Please mark your calendar as we do anticipate selling out.

For those of you not familiar with Gary Jobson (ESPN host, editor at large for Cruising World and Sailing World, America's Cup Hall of Fame, etc), visit www.jobson-sailing.com and for the Fantasy Sail Weekends, please go to http://www.leukemia-lymphoma.org/all_popup.adp?item_id=269796.

I have been fortunate enough to attend three of the Fantasy Sail Weekends. The first was racing 12 m America's Cup Boats in Newport, RI and last year it was racing Catalina 37's in Long Beach, CA. The friends and contacts I have made, including Gary Jobson, are incredible, like the lives they have lived and sailed. If you are interested in more details, or attending a Fantasy Sail Weekend, please contact me at Sailing841@aol.com.



CLSC member Carrie Pfister (white jacket) and fellow crew members at her Fantasy Sail Weekend in Florida last month.

2005 Junior Sailing Report

The Junior Sailing "A" Camp dates have been set for June 29-July 2 and "B" camp July 5-8 with the camp regatta on Friday, July 8th. The age range for A camp



Barb & Ken in totally inappropriate clothing for a sailing newsletter.

is 12-15 and B camp is 10-13 depending on ability and experience. Look for camp registration forms on the website in early spring.

The Carter Lake Junior Open regatta is scheduled for

July 9. The Junior Olympic Sailing Festival has been moved to Union Reservoir this year on July 23-24.

Announcing the Carter Lake Junior Sailing Team! Because we have so many junior and ex-junior sailors looking for sailing and racing opportunities we are forming a junior sailing team. In addition to clinics and seminars, the team will provide coordinated coaching and regatta participation for our junior sailors. We would like to be able to support our junior sailors with on-the-water coaching, multi-boat trailer(s) and ride sharing to area junior regattas, along with the seminars and practice sessions that have been offered the last couple years. We are looking for parent volunteers to assist with organization and coaching. Please contact us if you are interested in helping.

Barb and Ken Owens, Jr. Sailing Co-chairs
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Vice Commodore's Report

The 46th annual Carter Lake Open Regatta will be this June 3-5, 2005. Stay tuned for more details to come!

Paul Scherrer, V-Comm,
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Paul at the helm in the British Virgin Islands.

Membership Report

The Membership Committee would like to thank all the CLSC members who volunteered to staff the Denver Boat Show. Given that this was so soon after the holidays we appreciate the willingness to serve.

We are trying to reconcile the accuracy of the Work Hours Log Book. We have sent e-mails to those with hour deficits, to ensure that all hours worked appear in the log. Please indicate if the logged hours are in error and be prepared to provide proof of unrecorded hours. We want to make sure our figures are correct prior to taking any further action. Happy 2005!

John and Lynda McGinley,
Membership Co-Chairs
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Clubhouse Report

Hello club members. I don't expect any major upgrades or modifications to the clubhouse this year, although I would like to upgrade the kitchen cabinets from the 70's era dark brown to a lighter type. I'd like to do this with minimum expense so if anyone is remodeling their kitchen, or knows someone who is, and would like to donate their older cabinets please let me know. Any other suggestions to make the clubhouse more liveable just let me know that too. Have a healthy and happy new year!

Jeff Gruver, Clubhouse Dude
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Docks/Breakwater/Slips Report

There is not much news from the slips committee. We will ramp up near the end of January and early February. There is a good deal of work to be done. There are numerous boards to replace on the docks. The break-backer (I mean Break-water) will need a great deal of attention. The tires are getting pretty worn and many are useless. The water in the lake is stable, but when it starts to come up we will need to bring the courtesy dock and the break-water in closer to shore. I hope every one had a relaxing holiday. Spring is not that far away.

Rafe Ropek, Slips
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Social Update

See right for the Winter Membership Meeting information.



Carrie at what appears to be... Carter Lake?

SAVE THE DATE!

Details to follow... Coming to Denver the evening of Saturday, March 19th will be Gary Jobson for a kickoff party for the Leukemia Cup Regatta (CLSC has held the fundraising cup for 5 of the last 6 years).

Not familiar with him? Gary has been ESPN's

sailing commentator since 1985, covered the 2003 America's Cup, the 2004 Olympics, has won the America's Cup with Ted Turner, Fastnet Race, was inducted into the America's Cup Hall of Fame and authored 14 books in addition to being the Editor at Large for both Cruising World and Sailing World (see www.jobsonsailing.com for more details).

Tickets are limited and will be for sale through the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, c/o of Jennifer Becker at 303.984.2110 or at beckerj@leukemia-lymphoma.org.

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Winter Membership Meeting and Potluck

Saturday, February 19th
5-9 P.M.

Location (*same as last year*): VFW Post, 206 S. Main Street, Longmont

Time: 5-6 PM: Social Hour
(Cash bar only, no coolers)

6-7 PM: Potluck

7-9 PM: Business Meeting

Who should attend: All members, new members, and people interested in learning more about Carter Lake Sailing Club

What to bring: Please bring the following dish according to your last name:

A-H bring an appetizer
I-O bring a main dish
P-S bring a side or salad
T-Z bring a dessert

All paper goods and cutlery will be provided.

Directions: From Denver: Take I-25 North to exit 235, Highway 52. Go left (west) on Hwy 52 to Hwy 287; turn right (north) on Hwy 287 and go about 5 miles into Longmont. Go 1 block past Ken Pratt Blvd (the 3rd traffic light). The VFW Post is on the right hand side of Hwy 287 (Main Street).**

Directions from Fort Collins/Loveland: Take I-25 South to Hwy 119 exit (Del Camino); go into Longmont to Main Street (Highway 287); turn left (south) on Main Street. Go across the railroad tracks and about 2 blocks on the left side of the road is the VFW Post.**

**Important: When you enter the parking lot, drive down the hill to the back of the building. The entrance to the meeting hall is from the back of the building on the lower level. They will not let you in from the front of the building and have asked us to please not park up top.



Race Committee Report

2005 is shaping up to be a great year racing at Carter Lake. To start, the race committee will be a real committee this year:

- Scoring. Brian Jones
- Scheduling on the water RC. Nancy VanDeMark & Walter Lamendola
- Marks. Don and John Waldburger
- Awards for fall banquet TBD
- Committee Chair Tom Ruwitch

The 2005 schedule will be posted on the web site in the next few weeks. We are planning a meeting of all the racers, and interested parties, to talk and review the coming year, Saturday Feb. 12, 1:00 PM at the clubhouse.

SAIL is sponsoring some training sessions this year:

- January 12 Jim Young
- February 9 New rules for 2005, rules Q&A
- March 9 Protests and hearings
- April 13 TBA

7:00 P.M. at Brooklyn's Restaurant (same location as the last few years); 2644 W Colfax, Denver, CO. Check out the SAIL web site for more details <http://www.rmsail.org>

Race Management Training

March 12 Time and location to TBA
This is a great all day training session for anyone who will do RC work.

SailWave Training

April 9 Time and location to TBA

In addition I would like to have a RC workshop and a session on the new rules at the club this spring. Anyone interested in helping out with the race committee please give me a call, there is still a lot work to do.

Tom Ruwitch, Race Chairman
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County Update

In somewhat of a surprise, Larimer County Parks and Open Lands Director Gary Buffington again is talking about developing a "full service" marina at Carter Lake and have it in operation by 2006. Buffington mentioned this possibility in late December during a Larimer County Commissioners meeting. At the meeting, the Commissioners voted to grant a one-year contract to Don, Maggie and John Waldburger to continue to run the Carter Lake Marina in 2005.

Buffington said at the meeting he does not anticipate any changes for CLM operations next year. The County's renewed interest in a "full service" marina is puzzling because feasibility studies conducted in 2004 revealed a facility would cost a far greater sum than the County anticipated or for which has funds. Also, the County struggled

all year to construct and operate a fuel dock at the lake. Establishing a County-run marina, at the expense of putting a private business — CLM — out of business, has proven to be very unpopular with citizens this year.



Dave Lock sailing on San Diego Bay.

The County's potential pursuit of a full-service marina will not directly affect its agreement with CLSC. The Club's new agreement, which takes effect January 1st, runs for five years and essentially grants the Club the ability to continue to operate where and how we have operated for many years.

I will keep very close tabs on the marina developments and report them as the year unfolds.

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HISTORIAN'S REPORT:

Looking Back at 51 Years

This month: **WINTER THOUGHTS**

Over the years, the winter months have been a time for planning for club improvements and activities and dreaming of the sailing season ahead. This month, I looked back over December and January logs for the last 51 years to report on the new and/or hot topics:

On December 8, 1954, the Denver Sailing Club “gathered around an enormously tall Christmas tree for a delivered chicken dinner, gift exchange, songs and films. The discussions during the winter of 1954/55, naturally enough, centered around the necessary equipment, buoys, toilet, and maybe a fireplace. The members were assessed again and again as the dues were not sufficient for these expenses.”

The winter discussions of 1955/56 centered around finding a club burgee, the purchase of a 15' aluminum dinghy, the charging of the appropriate fee for new members, and the purchase of two additional perpetual trophies.

In January, 1966, club members were notified that a new State law required ALL boats (except kayaks) to have a State License—\$3.50—in addition to the regular Boat Permit.

January, 1971, found the club worried about vandalism at the clubhouse. Plans were to build shutters to place over the windows, and to possibly put a chain across the club house road.

“Some good news” was reported in January, 1976. “Larimer county indicates they will enforce a noise limitation on power boats this year which may show an end to the dry stack stink pots.”

January, 1982, brought requests for many committee chairpersons for specific tasks. The Clubhouse needed someone to help complete the sundeck roof, add a bench, and, of course, the bar “so we can do things in style during the Open.”

Safety was a topic in January of 1983. Walt Cralle, Safety Chair, reported burglar alarms available at Rocky Mountain Marine for around \$11. He also reported the need to purchase a megaphone, extra sets of oars, and repair the Whaler.

January, 1987, found the club struggling to meet the requirements of the contract with Larimer County that limited the number of boats to 50. The commodore reported that Sunfish and small boat moorings placed by individuals would no longer be allowed, as they count toward the 50 boat limit.

In December, 1993, the workday policy was adjusted—each member was assigned to a committee. The committee chairperson kept track of who did their workdays.

December, 1994, brought the first notice of CLSC going on-line with just a few members listing their e-mail addresses.

January, 1996, listed the CLSC on the *INFORMATION SUPER HIGHWAY* at WWW.GOEPAGES.COM/THETROPICS/2169.

January, 2004, brought an optimistic report that we had entered into an Addendum Agreement to our current lease with Larimer County. Club members were asked to volunteer to be on the task force to meet with the county on a monthly basis to discuss county plans.

The passage of time reveals some uniqueness, but an overall sameness in the challenges that face us as a club. Best wishes for a happy new year of sailing to all members of the CLSC family.

Respectfully submitted,
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