

Carter Lake

Sailing Club



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Sailing into our 53rd year

From the Commodore

The February 11 Winter Membership meeting was well attended in a wonderful facility thanks to our host Mike and Jan Morgan. Besides the great atmosphere, we were blessed with great acoustics that make it possible to be heard from anywhere in the room without a microphone!

Your E-board representatives have been busy preparing for you to enjoy another season on the water. Several developments resulted from actions taken at last year's general membership meetings.

Steve Johnson had great news about procuring a newer boom truck for significantly less outlay than budgeted. This has allowed us to boost funds available for the replacement of the work boat. Last year we were unable to find a suitable boat for our budget with a number of good prospects being in the range of our new budget.



Paul at the helm in the BVI.

Don Waldburger reported a mostly average year for water level is expected. Fine weather today (70F) has me thinking of work-days and getting out on the water.

The escalation of our lease with Larimer County will continue to put our financial abilities to the test. We are all grateful that a modest \$60 increase in slip fees allows us to continue unprecedented access to our favorite venue and the continuing camaraderie of our fellow sailors.

Two items require the further participation of the general membership for success. Replacement of the breakwater is being explored and I invite you to contact me with ideas, sources and your participation to finalize the best solution. Also of great importance is the need for a new Junior Sailing Program E-board Member(s). Ken

and Barb Owens have had to step down after business commitments overtook their ability to continue in this capacity a second year. With many members of CLSC having participated with the Jr. Sailors we are in need of someone willing to be Director of the program. The ability to make a decision and organize

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OFFICERS' REPORTS

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volunteers are the two most important abilities to be this Director. All past Directors have offered their support and limited participation. A team can also be effective with a focused approach. Please step forward and enjoy the sense of achievement found by your predecessors!

A final reminder—buy your park permits before arriving for work days. There is no guarantee that park personnel will be available to sell permits but it is certain that they will be ticketing unattended and unpermitted vehicles. Start your season with good planning. I am looking forward to seeing all of you soon at Carter Lake.

Paul Scherrer,
Commodore
paul.s@mesanetworks.net

From the Vice Commodore

The CLSC 47th Open Regatta continues to take shape. The event always is a success because Club members pitch in and lend assistance where it is needed.

Thanks to everyone who signed up to work at the Regatta at the Winter Membership Banquet. I am sorry I could not attend. Jennie and I were at a business meeting I had over that weekend. Thanks to Commodore Paul Scherrer and former Commodore Carrie Pfister for helping to spread the word about the Regatta to sell some t-shirts.

There still are plenty of Regatta assistance opportunities available. Working at the Regatta is a great way to earn membership hours and, to those new to the Club, to meet a lot of people. So, check your calendars and let me know if you can help out with this year's Regatta. Here are times and jobs available:

Friday, June 2nd needs:

Appetizer set up and serve (5 – 9 p.m.)
Jennie Lock (lead)

Register and process entrants (5 – 9 p.m.)
Todd and Nina Rogers (lead)

T-shirt sales (5 – 9 p.m.)
Steve and Linda Cooper (lead)

General Assistance (5 – 9 p.m.)



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Saturday, June 3rd needs:

Register and Process entrants (7 – 10 a.m.)

Todd and Nina

Race Committee Boat (10 a.m. – All Day)

Tom Ruwitch (PRO, lead)

Finish/Chase Boats (10 a.m. – All Day)

Dinner (5 p.m. – 9 p.m.)

Jackie Gurley (lead)

General Assistance (All Day)

Sunday, June 4th needs:

Breakfast (7 – 10 a.m.)

Teri Padget (lead)

Race Committee Boat (8:45 a.m.– until done)

Tom Ruwitch (PRO, lead)

Finish/Chase Boats (8:45 a.m. – until done)

Appetizers, Awards (end of racing – early eve)

Give me a call at 970-217-8900 or e-mail me at lockd@prpa.org and let me know how you would like to help. Thanks!

Dave Lock
Vice Commodore
lockd@prpa.org

Secretary's Report

We hope to start posting general membership meeting minutes on the website for members to review in the near future. Look for them to be posted.

Mary Homan
Recording Secretary
mhoman@frii.com



COMMITTEE REPORTS

Clubhouse & Grounds

Hello sailors. If this beautiful weather doesn't get you excited about the upcoming sailing season I don't know what will. With improving weather comes opportunities to get the clubhouse ready for the season. I have a rare weekend day off, Sunday, Mar 12, and I'd like to get some work done on the clubhouse deck. I'll be up there at about noon so long as the weather cooperates. We need to get some painting done on the deck and inspect for any repairs that might be needed. Come join me for some quality work hours.

Also for those who aren't into the sometimes wet and back-breaking work of slip put-in on April 1st, we will be doing a spring clean on the cabin as well. There will be lots of opportunities for work hours during these two events.

Also in the spirit of keeping costs down, I'm going to put out a wish list for items that will improve the clubhouse. If you have any of these things lying around at home or work and would like to donate them, I would be very grateful. I'm looking for a television set, vacuum cleaner, picture frames, a keg tap set, and about six concrete curb-stones. If there is anything else that you think would enhance your clubhouse, just let me know.

The new burgees will be available for purchase at the slip put-in. I found a new vendor and got the price down to \$13.50 at the same quality. I will also have the 3-inch CLSC burgee stickers available as well. See you there.

Jeff Gruver
Cabin Boy
horseflyranch@earthlink.net



IMPORTANT DATES TO NOTE:	MARCH 11: Dock Workday 9 a.m.	MARCH 12: Clubhouse Workday Noon	MARCH 15: Membership Applications and fees due	APRIL 1-2: Dock Put-In 9 a.m.
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COMMITTEE REPORTS

Membership Committee



John & Lynda

Well, it's that time of year again! Get your membership forms and dues to us by the 15th of March. Forms are downloadable off the web page. If this doesn't work for you let us know and we will e-mail or snail-mail you a copy of the new 2006 form.

All dues are unchanged: \$250 for Regular Members, \$75 for Crewing Members; \$20 for Corresponding Members. One big change is an increase in the slip fees to \$850. Please note that Regular Members with slips need to ensure their payment is received by March 15. Any slips not paid for by this time will be reabsorbed back into the club and reissued to those 14 people on the waiting list. Contact Lynda and John at 303-258-7757, or e-mail: mcginley@nedernet.net if you have questions. We are expecting a great year in the CLSC this year. Please get your forms in soon. Lots of energy in the club with 7 new members, so let's make sure all the existing members return and make it a banner year! See you at slip put in.

John & Lynda McGinley
Membership Co-chairs
lynda@nedernet.net

Docks and Slips

I am scheduling a work weekend for March 11th with a fall back of the 18th. We will be replacing boards, rub rail, tightening bolts and miscellaneous other items. Please bring tools (electric screw drivers, wrenches, pry bars etc.). Also bring your own lunch and drinks.

We will be launching the slips on April 1st and 2nd. I thought April Fool's Day was the proper start to the season, especially for those racers that love to sail in the sleet of April showers. The club will provide lunch, but please bring your own drinks.

Rafe Ropek
Docks and slips Chair
www.ropek.net

Social Committee

One of the highlights of the sailing season at CLSC is the Saturday Night Potlucks. This is a time to visit with old friends, meet new people, and enjoy really great food. Most potlucks have a theme and are a lot of fun.

Here are the dates for the potlucks this year. As you can see, there is ample opportunity to host a potluck. Hosting is a fun and easy way to get club hours. See the potluck display in the clubhouse or contact us if you have any questions.

April 15th April 29th

May 20th May 27th

June 10th July 8th

July 22nd July 29th

Aug 12th Aug. 26th

Sept. 9th Sept. 23rd

Sept. 30th

Mike & Jan Morgan
Social Co-Chairs
Advantage@aol.com



Racing Committee

Tom Ruwitch	chair
Nancy VanDeMark RC	scheduling
Brian Jones	scoring
Don and John Waldburger	marks
-Open-	trophies

We had a meeting at the club house on 2/18/2006 to review the upcoming race season that was attended by 15 – 20 members. Many thanks to Dale Quakenbush for arriving early and starting the stove to warm the place up. We are looking for a great season with more racing and new for this year, organized on the water training. The complete schedule and notes from the meeting is posted on the web site. Here are a few highlights:

Start Times:

All Spring and Fall Series Races:
Saturday First gun 12:30
Sunday First gun 11:30

All Summer Series Races:

Saturday First Gun 16:00
Sunday First Gun 15:00

We have scheduled 3 races for each day of racing and will have more throw outs in the scoring.

Racer Training:

April 22, April 23, May 21, May 29
11:30 meet at club house for discussion on the water at 13:00

Race Committee Training:

April 23
09:00 meet at the club house Racer Training to follow

The Racer Training is new for this year and the idea is to improve everyone's sailing and get new people out on the water with experienced crews and skippers. Skippers are always looking for crew but race day is not the best time to get new crew on your boat. The training will start with some discussion at the club house, followed by on the water drills. If you have an interest in racing and can make a commitment of some time, please contact me, tomruwitch@comcast.net. This will be a great way to meet some new people and learn some sailing skills.

There is a Race Management clinic sponsored by SAIL that will be held March 11,

<http://www.rmsail.org/educatio.htm#Race%20Management> or Tom Downing tmdata@comcast.net for more information. This is a well run, day-long seminar and is great learning experience.

I will also do a small Race Committee clinic at the club on April 23, 09:00, after which you can get tons of on the water practice doing starts for the Racer Training that afternoon.



We will run a Rules Clinic sometime in April on a weekday evening, time and place TBD.

There is a push to get some of the cruiser boats (non spinnaker, inboard motors) out racing in their own class this season. Contact Russ Stamets as he is leading the charge.

We are going to have a great season so everyone show up and have some FUN!!!

Tom Ruwitch
Race Coordinator
tomruwitch@comcast.net

Historian's Report: LOOKING BACK

This month: 1976-1986: Moorings to Slips

Last month, I shared the financial moves from the start of the Denver Sailing Club in August, 1953 to 1976, the year the name was changed to "Carter Lake Sailing Club". The decade between 1976 and 1986 was another period of transition for the Club as it moved from moorings to slips.

- In 1976, Club dues were \$60 per year, and Moorings were \$50.



Jackie

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- The first mention of the possible move to slips appeared in the Log in November, 1977: "It appears the Federal Government will be insisting on the use of boat slips sometime in the future to save on mooring space."

- Extending the sailing season into the fall began in 1978, when the Club began offering the "extended season" from September to November. So, in addition to the \$50 season (April to August), members could pay \$15 to keep their mooring ball in the lake. By 1984, the cost of the "extended season" had risen to \$30.

- In 1979 mooring cost increased to \$60.

- 1981 saw dues increase to \$70 to cover expenses, and an additional fee of \$10 was also added to fund research and development of slips, making the total of \$80. The By-laws were amended to make a member's "priority for a mooring contingent on fulfillment of work obligations for the previous season, any outstanding financial obligation for the previous season, and payment of dues and mooring fees for the current season."

- The task force studying slip development reported to the Club in March, 1982: "We are required by the Bureau of Reclamation (through the Larimer County Commissioners) to replace all of our moorings with slips by 1986. We are expected to provide two slip docks, each connecting to the shore at one end. We may place locked gates on the slips. The reason given is that our moorings take up too much of the lake area. Apparently, it is felt that CLSC is unfairly privileged over members of the general public. While the Bureau's plan was unveiled at a public hearing, it seems clear that public input was not permitted during its development."

The cost of building slips seemed exorbitant. The task force estimated \$100,000 to build fifty slips, which over a five-year effective lifetime would mean slips at \$400 per year. This compared to Dillon at \$400 for three months and Chatfield at \$100 per month. The task force suggested

putting two boats between fingers and doing the work themselves to save costs.

- As the budget increased and costs continued a slow rise, dues in 1982 we increased to \$75, and a mooring increased to \$75.

- By 1984, to "balance the budget dues and mooring fees were increased at the February 17 meeting: Dues \$90, Mooring \$85, Extended season, \$30.

- In September, 1985, a new lease detailed the conversion to slips. Commodore Don Waldburger reported that in 1986 CLSC was required to have 10 slips and 40 moorings, in 1987 30 slips and 20 moorings, and by 1988, 50 slips.

- At that time, Mooring/Slip fees for 1986 were set at \$250 and dues rose to \$120. The Club also voted to sell \$6000 in bonds to finance the slips. Bonds were sold in \$500 units at 12% interest.

The gradual increases to fees and dues show that the Carter Lake Sailing Club has always held to the mission to provide affordable sailing open to the public. Increases have only been implemented to balance the budget, keep up with rising costs, and maintain and improve facilities.

We can only imagine the thoughtful and "lively" discussions that occurred with each increase.

Respectfully submitted,
Jackie Gurley, Club Historian, Recess12@comcast.net

Final Thought...



"Kate Loves Sailing"

Thanks for reading!