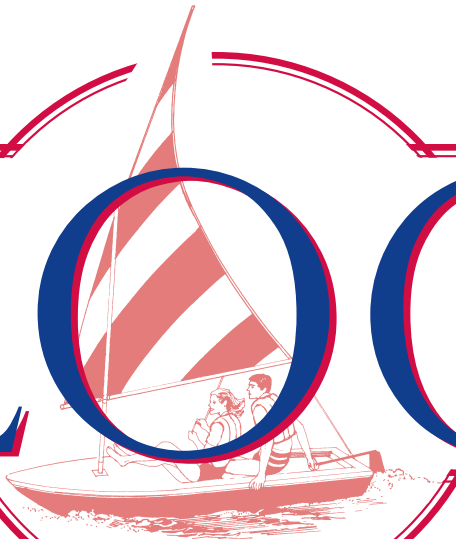


Carter Lake

Sailing Club



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Sailing into our 53rd year

Regatta Numbers Down, But Not the Fun

By many measures, the 47th Annual Carter Lake Sailing Club Open Regatta June 2–4 was a success. Racers enjoyed wind — albeit fluky wind — both days and PRO Tom Ruwitch managed to start and finish seven races.

The event ran like clockwork. Jackie Gurley provided excellent food throughout the weekend. The few CLSC members who volunteered did a fantastic job, from cooking breakfast, to manning the finish boat, to serving meals to cleaning up the clubhouse. I received several compliments from non-Club racers for how well organized the event was — a hallmark of CLSC's Regattas every year.

The event was not successful, however, in terms of the number of boats that raced. Only 20 sailors filled three fleets (Stars, U-20s and a PHRF A fleet). Long-time Club members said it was the lowest Regatta turnout they could remember. The reasons for the low turnout are elusive and theories abound. I marketed the race as we have in previous years, and even tried a few new wrinkles — creating fliers and interest forms that were handed out at the Denver Boat Show and a smaller show in northern Colorado and, for the first time, making the race information and registration form available on the website to download. The lack of racers translated into a financial loss for the Club. With only 20 sailors racing, sunk costs — for T-shirts, food and trophies — could not be recovered.

I want to thank Jackie, who worked tirelessly from Thursday afternoon through Sunday morning, organizing, cooking and serving five meals; Tom Ruwitch, who once again did an incredible job as PRO; Todd and Nina Rogers, who handled registrations; Mike Morgan, who had to make an extra trip to Greeley to fetch his boat, which he captained as the finish boat for two days; Jerry Shepherd, who captained the chase boat for both days; Carrie Pfister, who designed the t-shirts and who made herself available throughout the Regatta to lend assistance where needed; Raegan Morgan and Kathy Dremann, who worked all day Sunday to provide food and clean up the Clubhouse at the end of the event; Jennie Lock, who ran all over creation to help with Friday evening, cook breakfast Saturday and pick up the trophies in Fort Collins Saturday after noon; and all the other volunteers who stepped up and made the event run very smoothly.

Dave Lock,
Vice Commodore

*Visit the website for
complete race results.*

Upcoming Events

- June 10** -Begin Summer Series;
-Potluck, No host
- June 24** -Rookie Series;
-Garage "Sail" 3-6p
- July 8** -Potluck "What About Bob" night
(see Social Report for details)



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COMMITTEE REPORTS

Social Committee

Three Cheers for Club Potlucks!

We have only one potluck in June, the 10th. There is no theme or host. We haven't had hosts or themes for the last two either, so let's get some enthusiasm going for our potlucks. They are an easy and fun way to get club hours. Some ideas: Italian Night, 70's Night, Jamaican Night, Roadkill Night.

June 10 – No host

July 8 – 'What About Bob' Night. Hosted by Lance & Raegan Morgan and Kathy Dremann. All kinds of shish-ka-bobs will be grilled up hot and delicious! Hey, no running on the deck, you'll poke someone's eye out! Bring a dessert or a side dish, your choice (and if you can put it on a stick, all the better!) Social Hour starts at 5:30; dinner at 6:00.

July 22 – No host

July 29 – Lady Victory Race

August 12 – Night Race – Mexican Night – hosted by the Shanahans and Mike & Jan Morgan

August 26 – Hillbilly Night, hosted by The McGinleys and Dale Quakenbush

Sept. 9 – No host

Sept. 23 – Arrr! Talk Like a Pirate Night – Hosted by Mike and Jan Morgan

Sept. 30 – McGann Cup – No host

Mike & Jan Morgan
Social Co-Chairs

Garage "Sail" June 24

Mike and Jan have organized a Boat Garage "Sail" (not a spelling error, just Mike's attempt at humor!) Bring your surplus sailing and boating equipment that is sitting around the house or boat to the clubhouse on June 24th from 3:00-6:00. Make sure to price and label your items. Afterwards we can grill and socialize together or go spend our profits at the Windjammer.



Friendly Reminders

We have several new club members this year, and so the topic of club etiquette is a good one to revisit. Here are a few suggestions to make everyone's CLSC experience a good one.

- Secure halyards so they don't clank at night
(It is best to route any halyards or mast lines away from the mast to the front pulpit or somewhere else. Not only does this reduce the noise it will also increase the lifetime of the lines. Most people new to sailing have not had to replace a halyard. An example from the APS catalog: the main halyard for a J24 is \$202.90. Another problem is the halyards will rub against the mast and remove the paint from the mast – very unsightly and it's expensive to repaint a mast.)
- Current Larimer County park passes are mandatory on all boats
- If your boat has a retractable keel, keep it down to minimize rocking
- Stagger masts to prevent damage to neighboring boats in the case of a storm
- Keep dock lines in good shape, use the right size for your boat, and secure spring lines to allow for movement
- Keep gates closed
- Note possible problems with neighbors' boats and let them know
- No sailing into the slips
- Watch late night noise — it distracts those sleeping, and carries across the lake loudly
- Meet and greet you neighbors, watch their boats, and they will watch yours
- If you see a boat coming in to the slips, please walk over to help them
- If you use the clubhouse, please leave it clean: Trash taken out, floors mopped, dish towels taken home, laundered, and returned promptly

Thanks!

Clubhouse Report

Greetings sailors. By the time you read this the Carter Lake Sailing Club Open Regatta will be over. Thanks to Vice Commodore Dave Lock and a cast of many volunteers for their efforts we pulled off another great sailing event. The passing of the annual regatta also means that the locks on the slips and the clubhouse will be changed. Just look at your membership card and use the four number combination listed as AR, (After Regatta). This combo will work for the slips, clubhouse main door, gas grill, and main storeroom. If you have any trouble with this give myself or Rafe a shout.

There are still many fun events left this sailing season including potlucks, racing, cruiser events, and the world famous raft-up movie. For new members this is a sailing oriented movie projected on a screen hoisted between the masts of the last two boats on the south slips. It is one of the more fun family events and all members, guests, and anyone who cares are welcome. Sit in your boats cockpit, bring a

lawn chair or float around in a boat of your choice and enjoy a great movie under the stars. I'm planning on mid to late August for this event. If the wind picks up too much the movie will be shown at the clubhouse deck.

I'm still your source for trinkets so if you want a CLSC burgee, burgee sticker, hat, or even a set of wine glasses with the CLSC logo and your boats name engraved on them just give me a shout and I'll set it up. These are all sold at cost so I'm not making a boat payment on your business.

I'll sign off with a trivia question. In three global voyages, Capt James Cook never lost a crewman to scurvy. What was the food substance he forced on his crew to prevent this killer of so many sailors? The answer will be in the July Log.

Cheers,

Jeff Gruver
Cabin Boy, Trinket Guy, & Movie Man



Antigua Race Week

By John and Lynda McGinley

This past April and May we had a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to take part in the Caribbean's biggest regatta, Antigua Race Week, based in English Harbor, Antigua. Our friend Evi Nemeth and her Nordic 40 *Wonderland* had wintered over in Trinidad. She wanted to take part in this year's regatta, so Anne Hammond (of the Boulder Co. Power Squadron) and we ponied up the \$400 entry fee and signed on to ferry the boat the 400 nm from Trinidad to Antigua. The 5 race days ran from 30 April to 5 May with one lay day. We were entered into the "Cruising 2" class that was made up of the slowest boats. As we saw the boats out practicing, we had the sinking feeling that Evi's boat was going to be a bit heavy and undercrewed. With 6 anchors, 40 gallons of various fluids in jerry cans on deck, 2 outboards, dingy, wind generator and solar panels, we were toting a lot of weight... it was akin to taking a motor home to race the Indy 500.

The starts began with 5 bareboat charter fleets, the cruising classes, and the performance cruisers. The latter included boats that were as big as 135 ft. Since these boats were much faster than us, we had the daily thrill of these monster sailing though us, usually at a mark or dodging them on heart-in-mouth, port-tack, crossing situations. The crew often told John on the helm, "Focus forward, don't look back!" Amazingly enough, despite the fact that these boats were worth millions, there was no yelling or panic hailing by anyone, even in close situations.

Wonderland showed up and finished every race. Through the week we only beat about 8 boats racing, but we did finish a respectable 8th out of 14 in our class. The parties were a real blast and an opportunity to meet sailors from all over the world. After the regatta most of the crews were headed back to Europe for the summer season. One such party encounter with Andrew Pindar, CEO of Alpha Graphics (Scotland) got us an afternoon ride on a Volvo Open 60 designed for round-the-world racing.

Since Evi is bound for the Panama Canal and the South Seas, we were considering doing Antigua again next year on a charter boat. Cost is about dou-



Spinnaker-less Wonderland about to be rolled by fast closing fleet

ble the usual charter fee with a high damage deposit required. Charter boats range from 30-60 ft. Moorings and Sunsail support race charters. If you are interested let us know and we'll see if we can't get a CLSC team in next year's race. You have to reserve this summer to get a boat for next spring. ❖

Membership Report

The dust has settled on membership counts as we move into the summer sailing season. We currently have 73 members: 1 life member, 59 regular members, 10 crewing, and 3 corresponding members.

We'd like to remind racers or cruisers when looking for crew to contact Crewing Members via the roster on the webpage. All Crewing Members have phone numbers and e-mails listed. Let's give our CLSC members first priority. Crewing Members engaged in club activities end up becoming the Regular Members that serve as the core of the club.



John & Lynda on island time

Since many of you performed work hours for the Carter Open make sure you record them in the log book. As we keep reminding everyone, the log book is the only official record of your work hours. The log book is kept at the club house. Slip owners have a 32 hour obligation, regular members have a 16 hour obligation, and crewing members have 8 hours. There are many work opportunities with potluck weekends available, committee boat work, and maintenance (club-house, boats, and trucks).

Hope your summer sailing season is outstanding.

John and Lynda McGinley, Membership Co-chairs

Lady Victory

Ladies: let's get together on Saturday June 10th at 2:30 at the clubhouse to discuss discuss Lady Victory race times, sailing instructions, and festivities. Lady Victory is scheduled for July 29 and its primary aim is to get more women on the water both crewing and helming.

This is a fun event and women with all levels of sailing experience are encouraged to participate. The meeting on Saturday will provide us an opportunity to see who will be sailing and needs crew and who would like to crew so if you are unable to attend, let me know and I will pass along your interest.

Please let me know if you plan to attend on Saturday and if you are unable to attend but would like to participate in the event. My address is nrvandemark@comcast.net and phone 303-940-0095.

Men--we still need Race Committee for this event!

Nancy VanDeMark
Race Committee

Final Thought...



Just add a sail and we have a new class of racer...

Yoo-hoo for Yahoo

I've noticed not everyone is taking advantage of the Yahoo Group forum that the club uses for timely communications with members. Last minute notices and timely announcements are sent out via this list.



Raegan

This is also the only method I use to distribute the Log unless I have a request from you to receive it via US Mail.

Participation is voluntary but highly encouraged.

This forum is used only for communication with and between CLSC members. You won't get a mailbox full of junk, and you can quit at any time.

You are probably asking yourself, "How do I join this group?" It's easy. Those of you who received an invitation to join earlier this week (at your listed e-mail address) need only to reply to that message and follow the directions to join. If you trashed, filtered, or deleted it, or simply didn't receive the invitation, all hope is not lost. Send an e-mail to:

carterlakesailingclub-subscribe@yahoogroups.com

and I will get you signed up in no time. And if you have any problems at all, please let me know.

Raegan Morgan
Corresponding Secretary & Logmeister

Thanks for reading!

