

Carter Lake

Sailing Club



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Sailing into our 54th year

March 2007

Commodores Report

From Duane Chaloupka

Winter is behind us (almost) and it is time to sign up for the 2007 season. Past members should have received their membership application by mail, but past or new members can download the application from the sailcarter.org web site. The fees are unchanged from last year. The application is due by March 15, so don't delay.

I am happy to report that all the e-board positions have been filled. Dave Lock has volunteered to serve as Governmental Liaison, and John Homan was elected Corresponding Secretary at the membership meeting. All the e-board members, new and returning, deserve the appreciation of all club members.

As most of you know, this will be a short season due to the low water level required for the construction of a new outlet at the south end of the lake. The construction contracts have been approved by Northern Colorado Water Conservancy District and the water level is being managed to facilitate the construction. It is anticipated that the water will reach the end of the North Pines boat ramp around September 1. CLSC on the water activities are being scheduled to accommodate the short season, but off the water activities will continue through October.

The two major expenses of CLSC are the contract with the Carter Lake Marina to maintain the slips, and the license with Larimer County. Neither of them is allowing a discount for the short season so the CLSC fees were not discounted either. We have enough cash reserve to make it through the season even if we don't fill all the slips but I hope that you will keep your membership and support the club. The cash reserve has been built up over many years so that we can make improvements to the slips and clubhouse and I would hate to see it depleted in a single season.



I look forward to seeing everyone at slip put-in March 31.



**2007
Executive
Board**

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Duane Chaloupka

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Clubhouse and Grounds

Randy Pierce

Dock/Slips

Rafe Ropek

Social

Mike & Jan Morgan

Boats

Steve Johnson

Junior Sailing Program

Marilyn Miller

Government Liaison

Dave Lock

Webmaster

Steve Undy

Historian

Jackie Gurley

Social Report

From Mike and Jan Morgan

I don't know about you but we are excited to think that we are almost thru this long winter and that it's time to start planning for the 2007 sailing season. We have had people sign up for 4 of this year's potlucks already. Following is a list of the potluck dates for the 2007 season and either the theme or if they are open

April 14th	Open
April 28th	What About Bob (Shish kabobs)
May 12th	Open
May 26th	Open
June 9th	Open
June 30th	Locks - TBD
July 7th	Open
July 21st	Hillbilly Night
July 28th	Italiano Night
August 11th	Open
Sept. 1st	Open
Oct. 13th	Open

Please sign up to sponsor a potluck, these are very important events for maintaining club fellowship. The potlucks are also about the easiest way there is to get your needed work hours. If you are interested in sponsoring a potluck call our email Jan or Mike

Docks & Slips Report

From Rafe Ropek

Welcome Aboard. The 2007 season will kick off with a workday on the 10th of March and Docks floating on the 31st of March. The winter was a little rough on the slips. The wind caused the most damage. affecting one slip in particular. This one was stacked three high, which was a mistake I won't make again. Since we made so many repairs last year I don't anticipate a huge repair day, but we should be prepared with tools and nourishment to fashion it all in one day. Don't forget that park permits are required on your vehicles for workdays.

I am looking forward to spending as much time on the lake as possible his season. Making the most of it is all that matters to me now. One of the ways in which we can all help to make the season bright is by logging any maintenance issues quickly so they can be addressed. Keep an eye on your area and watch



for loose pins and keepers. Feel free to address these or any other issues yourself, but if you can't point them out to me. I will try to keep a set of spare keepers in the whaler.



Let's use the docks as a social gathering place as well as the club house.

Rafe Ropek

Vice Commodore Report

From Mary Homan

When is work fun?

The main role of the Vice Commodore is to put together the Carter Lake Open Regatta. Some days that can be pretty mundane--making lists, contacting sponsors; you know, the nuts and bolts of doing a job. But then I look forward to June 2 and 3--the sun is shining, the winds are favorable, and there are people from Colorado, Wyoming and our wonderful sail club all joining together to enjoy two days of sailing, socializing and camaraderie. Then the mundane becomes fun!

We can create a stellar event with your help. I need volunteers--lots of volunteers. Want to be a barkeep, a salesperson, insure a fellow boater's safety or determine who wins? Check out the racing section of the CLSC website the week of March 5 to sign up for opportunities to have fun through volunteering for the regatta (and acquire your 2007 work hours!). If you have questions, call/or e-mail me at 970-213-0510 or mhoman@frii.com



Want to feature your business or services ---then donate a gift certificate for the post-regatta raffle -- you get exposure for your business and potential new customers! Call me if you would like to donate.

Mary Homan

Historian's Log

From Jackie Gurley

Now has become such a way of life in Colorado that I find myself inspired to share a short-lived winter activity from the early days of the CLSC.

Beginning in May of 1965, members of the then "Denver Sailing Club" made the trek to Dillion Reservoir on Memorial Day Weekend for sailing on Saturday and skiing on Sunday, a combined race event called SKI YACHTING.

April, 1965: A LOG notice indicated registration for the first annual SKIYACHTING REGATTA. Reservation costs ranged from \$8.00 to \$12.00 for a double room at one of the Dillion hotels, and the registration form included Ski Equipment reservations for the Skipper and Crew.

June, 1967: "Strong winds and good skiing conditions at the SKI YACHTING Memorial Day weekend at Dillon. The handsome "Skimeister Trophy" was presented by the town of Dillon to the top winner of the final competition, which included the winning Skipper from each class plus the first place skier. These sailed a Sunfish on a double course. Jim MacKenzie (a D.S.C. member) was the all around "skiyachter". A-Basin graciously entertained with a good sailing movie, luncheon, cocktails and barbeque. Eight classes participated and 18 trophies were presented."

June, 1968: "The abominable snowman delayed his withdrawal and gave Al DeWees, regatta chairman of Skiyachting, little choice but to cancel the event for out-of-state entrants. A few days before the Memorial Day event Dillion Reservoir still held a considerable ice field and rather than jeopardize the enthusiasm generated over the last four years (and doubtless a few boat hulls) notices of cancellation were given. Larry Jump of A-Basin turned the event into a local regatta this year featuring the usual interesting giant slalom at A-Basin, with the sailing races deferred to September 7-8. Remember, even if you did not participate in the skiing

portion of this regatta, you are still permitted to throw out a race, so mark this event on your sailing calendar for fall.”

March 1970: “The annual Memorial Day Ski Yachting event will be held as usual on Dillion Reservoir Memorial Day Weekend. The event this year will be Saturday and Sunday with sailing races held on Saturday and skiing events on Sunday. The last race on Saturday is planned for 5:30 providing the icebergs and buoy marker lights are all in place. The event has always been well attended by members of the D.S.C. and we will look forward to seeing many of you again this year.”

By 1971, the Ski Yachting event was no longer mentioned in the LOG.

Here’s to warmer days ahead, and sailing without icebergs.



Next month: The first Regatta Trophies.

Jackie Gurley

Membership News

From Lynda & John McGinley

Thanks to Mike and Jan Morgan for a great time at St. Michaels' Conference Facility for our annual membership meeting. We had a great turn out including 5 guests/prospective members. We appreciate everyone making our guests feel welcome and hope they will become members this year.

By the time you read this you will have received your membership renewal form in the mail and perhaps even have returned it. We want to remind everyone your form and dues should be mailed to us to arrive by March 15, 2007. We will try to provide a quick turn around with your new CLSC and Yachting Club of American

cards. The new membership cards will sport the photo contest winning entry, a photo by Nina Rogers of the summer *sailstice* raft up. Congratulations Nina, watch for your prize in the mail.

Please remember if you have friends that might be interested in CLSC, send us their information and we will provide club materials and a follow up call. We don't know the slip status yet, but think we may have more vacant slips than members on the wait list so it will be a good year to get a slip!



Lynda & John McGinley

Corresponding Secretary Report

From John Homan

First, I would like to thank Reagan Morgan for all of her wonderful work as Corresponding Secretary for the past few years. The new look of the Log and the improved use of the Yahoo list for communications has really moved the clubs communications forward. My goal for this year is to continue the good work Reagan has been doing.

As Corresponding Secretary one of my duties is to help people with any issues with the Yahoo e-mail group. If you need to join the list just go to <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/carterlakesailingclub/> and click on the Join This Group button. If you need assistance feel free to contact me and I will be glad to help.

If you have any articles about your winter sailing trips I would love to put them in the log over the next couple of months. Send me a couple of pictures and a short description of your trip so we can all share in your adventure.

If you have any other ideas for the Log or club communications please send them to me.



John Homan

Boat Committee

From Steve Johnson

If anyone would like to help re-commission the club boats this spring please contact Steve Johnson phone: 970-206-9895 or email scjmastertek@msn.com.

Items that need to done:

1. Overall cleaning of all boats, get that winter dirt and grime washed off. (this may require coming to my home or taking the boat to your house)
2. Remove old park and state stickers and install the new ones. (Don or Denise will have the new state registration stickers)
3. Purchase new parks passes for each boat. (the club will reimburse the cost)- 5 park passes
4. Charge or replace batteries as necessary.
5. Review safety equipment and fix as needed.
6. Committee boat needs.
 - Clean
 - Fix aft bimini mounts
 - Clean & sand aft deck, repaint with good enamel deck paint.
 - Install engine drain plugs.
7. Spring is the time to fix all of those little things that need to be done. Just like your own boat.

Clubhouse Report

From Randy Pierce

Yesterday I got the official Clubhouse Guide from the old Cabin Boy and we went over all the things that I

need to do. Actually, as it was explained, it is all the things I am supposed to get all of you to do. In the next few weeks, as the weather warms and I get this a little better organized, I will be letting everyone know, through the LOG and emails, of all the wonderful opportunities to get in your work hours. Please don't hesitate to take advantage of these limited time offers!!

I thought that the Winter Meeting went well despite the differences of opinion on how to handle the short season and the budget. The discussion there and the official handing over of the clubhouse keys has got me to thinking about what it means to be a club and what role the clubhouse plays in this. For some, it is probably cheap slips, or organized racing, or simply a place to park and use their boat on a beautiful lake. For most of us it is probably all of that. But it is also about being part of a diverse group of people, interacting while working, partying, and most importantly, while messing around on boats. It is also about sharing this with others who are not part of the club; our friends, other boaters at the regatta, and with people who simply wander by to see what it is all about. Having to work on, maintain, and plan the future of the clubhouse, the grounds, the slips and all the associated equipment, as well as the potlucks and outreach programs tends to give us a feeling of 'ownership' of all this. This in turn makes us feel responsible for the appearance and condition of not only the club, but the whole Lake environment. Most of us try to be friendly and helpful to all the people who use and work at the lake because that is the kind of atmosphere we want for ourselves. So we don't have to count our outreach programs to see how our presence benefits everyone at the lake. This and much more is what it means to be part of a club, instead of just a slip holder.

So what role does the clubhouse play in this? To me it represents a history that goes back over 50 years. The building itself shows the efforts of many people over many years. The 'stuff' that we have in the clubhouse and on the walls also evokes this feeling of history. Just being up there brings back memories of parties, meetings, and quiet discussions. It is a friendly, home like place where we can gather in groups for a planned event, or simply hang out at after a day on the water. I

feel that it is the heart and soul of the club. The slips and trucks and even the boats may get old and be replaced or abandoned, but the clubhouse remains as an anchor and home to bind us together.

Don't worry, we'll soon have the boats in the water and I will not blabber on so much in the LOG.

And most importantly don't forget: "There is nothing quite so worthwhile doing as simply messing around in boats". (Do you know where this quote comes from?)



**Randy Pierce,
The Clubhouse Guy
(or Cabin Boy)**

Happy St. Patrick's Day



Our Trip to St. Vincent

Nancy VanDeMark, Walter Lamendola, Mary Homan and John Homan.

We correctly picked our sailing dates for this trip and were gone for the COLD week of Jan 9th to the 19th. The trip was wonderful with good winds and beautiful water. This part of the Caribbean has wonderful trade winds in January. We had a couple of unusual days of rain, but overall the weather was great. Temperatures were about 75 degrees warmer than Colorado with highs in the low 80's and lows around 70. Hope these pictures give you an idea of how wonderful our trip was.

