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### Wednesday Night Fun Racing

*Wednesday April 15<sup>th</sup>*

### Corinthian Hired Gun Regatta

*Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup>*

### Leukemia Cup Regatta at CSC

*Fri-Sun, April 24-26<sup>th</sup>*

## COMMODORE'S LETTER

*Dudley Bayne*

We are well into 2009, and have already enjoyed some great sailing weather, even in what was supposed to be winter.

An overflow crowd attended the Annual Business Meeting on January 15<sup>th</sup> at the Lakewood Country Club. Reports were presented on activities of the Club, the Board of Directors for 2009 was approved, and annual awards were presented.

We have an excellent Board of Directors for the coming year. They bring some exciting plans for 2009, with opportunities for more members to help with CSC activities. Social & Entertainment is extending the popular First Friday parties into more months. Race is planning some important US Sailing Area regattas, informal sailing and racing training, as well as expanded Wednesday night activities. More information follows in this Mainsheet.

As Club activities expand, more opportunities exist for volunteers to assist with these activities. Part of our membership obligation is to perform eight hours during the year on Club activities; board committees provide an excellent way to fulfill this service. Check the website for current needs, or contact the board member whose activities interest you.

Finally, we have had some unfortunate extracurricular activities in the Clubhouse recently; we must all do what we can to eliminate this. Please see the notice from the CSC Board, later in this Main Sheet.

But to wind up on a brighter note –

- ❖ Main Sheet is back better than ever thanks to Jim O'Connor.
- ❖ The weather station is back up and running thanks to Frank Richards and the generous help of David Patterson. And the Harbor

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- ❖ Cam has overcome its hangover and is back in focus.
- ❖ Lake lowering is still uncertain, but appears to be less of a hindrance to the club than had been originally thought.
- ❖ There is more going on at CSC than ever – Wednesday nights, Friday nights, and ever-growing numbers of racers on Sunday.
- ❖ ENJOY

## WEDNESDAY NIGHT FUN RACES

The first of the Wednesday Night Fun Races of 2009 will be on April 15<sup>th</sup>. Come learn racing in an atmosphere that's more relaxed than the regular Sunday races. Several short races will give concentrated experience in starting, mark rounding and other racing techniques.

If you don't have a boat, walk up to someone rigging a Flying Scot, and ask if they could use some extra crew.

### Club Wireless LAN Settings

Network Name: **CSC-Wireless**  
 Security: **PSK2 Personal**  
 Shared Key: **CSC080702007**

## V15 FLEET

*Anderson Jones*

V15ers are looking forward to having a great time on the V15 SW Circuit for 2009. We also look forward to the start of Wednesday night racing. We still have our same format for Sunday racing twice a month. We are starting to grow at CSC with the possibility of three new boats.

Here are the V15 circuit stops for 2009:

Apr 25-26	New Orleans SYC	Jazz Fest Regatta
May 16-17	Dallas RCYC	Dinghy Fest
June 13-14	Lake Charles???	
Sept 19-20	Houston LYC	Galveston Bay Champs
October	TBD	
Nov 7-8	New Braunfels LCYC	Wurstfest Regatta



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## IN MEMORIAM: MAX HIBBS

1918-2009

Max was born February 8, 1918 in Kansas City, Missouri. He departed us on March 28, 2009. Max is survived by Helena, his wife of 68 years, and their six sons. Max also leaves behind sixteen grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Fluent in Spanish since high school, where he was Valedictorian, he graduated in 1939 from the University of Missouri at Columbia with high honors, and received his Master of Liberal Arts degree from Southern Methodist University in 1977. Max was an active volunteer with the Dallas Arboretum and the Meadows Museum.

In 1955, Max and Helena built their home overlooking White Rock Lake. An avid sailor, Max was a 54-year member of the Corinthian Sailing Club, where he served as its Commodore, and Captain of the Corinthian fleet.

He was an icon and a story teller. Unlike the tall tales of others, Max's stories were true.

Max had two favorite mantles he would bestow upon people whom he admired and

who had earned a place on his coveted list. In telling his stories he might designate one "A prince of a fella" or "A gentleman and a scholar", depending on whether they were royal or smart.



But I always felt those sayings fit Max better than anyone else.

Max won many races in spite of the fact that he gave competing boats a generous berth. But he was also probably the only captain who never cursed and still won. He loved the club and he loved the lake. Max would always be down for Sunday races no matter what the weather. If the crew was

late he would look right at you, smile and remind you that "you have to get your priorities straight".

To Max, winning meant not coming in last. But to many of us, Max was, and always will be, first.

He was an adventurer in mind, body and spirit. We are far richer for having known him.

*Pete Rose*

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## 2009 DALLAS BLOW OUT REGATTA

### INTERNATIONAL ONE METRE CLASS

#### *Brig North*

Over the weekend of March 14 and 15, 34 model boat sailors from around the US, Barbados and Canada gathered for the annual Blow Out Regatta at White Rock Lake.

Unfortunately, the fantastic weather we have experienced all winter long was replaced by very cold, wet, drifting conditions. This, of course, was a disappointment to the out-of-towners and locals alike who had been sailing just two weeks before in winds gusting past 43 mph. Oh well, one can't change Mother Nature, and she can be as capricious as she wants to.

International One Metre (IOM) boats are, as the name implies, one metre in length and built to a strict set of rules. There are IOMs raced all over the world, and every other year, a World Championship regatta is held. This year the Worlds will be in Barbados, and all three US representatives attended our regatta in preparation for the Worlds, to be held in June.

Due to the nature of model boat sailing, all of the boats cannot be on the starting line at one time. To make it fair for everyone, a Heat Management System has been developed over the years to allow the lower ranked skippers to earn their way into the A heat. With 34 boats, we ran two heats of 20 boats per race with the top four placings in the B heat being promoted to the A heat. The end of the A heat signaled the end of one race, and the bottom four finishers in the just-completed A heat were

relegated to the B heat. Then the cycle began again.

Being in charge of a model sailboat regatta filled with very good sailors who have spent considerable sums on their equipment can be daunting. This year we had a great Race Director in CSC member John Diggins. John accepted the role after class stalwart Herman van Beek experienced medical problems. I asked Scott Mauney who I should ask to fill this role, given that the RD in a model boat regatta has to be fair, even-handed and in control. Without hesitation, Scott told me "John Diggins." What a great bit of advice from Scott as John was all that we could have asked for and more, dealing with trying conditions. Thanks John!

As the picture attests, racing can be very close and is often sailed to a high degree of proficiency. The rules used in model sailing are the same as "people boat" sailing, except for a few minor changes detailed in Appendix E of the RRS. As in dinghy sailing, a broken rule will result in a protest, and if the protest can't be worked out on the water via a penalty turn, the protest is taken to "the room." Fortunately, we had few of those this year.

While the wind was fickle and fluky, we were able to get in 14 races over two days (28 heats in total). The best sailors, as usual, rose to the top, with multiple national champion Craig Mackey from Oceanside, CA, winning from Peter van Rossem of Kingston, Ontario,



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Canada. The local contingent did okay with Brig North in 8<sup>th</sup> and Chuck LeMahieu in 9<sup>th</sup>.

One of the big draws to the Dallas regatta is the social scene, as we have had a gathering at the North house the past three years where lots of stories are told, beer consumed, and sailing videos watched, followed by the annual pilgrimage to Baker's Ribs on Greenville. The great thing about Baker's is that everyone can sit together, for more fun and kidding.

The biggest draw to our Dallas regatta is the venue. Corinthian Sailing Club is one of the best venues for model sailing anywhere. The clubhouse allows people to rig their boats out of the wind, and the elevated platform

provides for an excellent view of the boats. People rave about CSC.

The model boat sailors of TRYC thank every member of CSC for allowing us the use of the fabulous facilities. It's really a great place to sail. We are also always looking for more people to join the fun. Any of us will let you take a boat for a spin. I have sailed a lot through the years (my second Laser regatta was the State Fair Regatta of 1974 where I first met Kelly Gough (does that age me or what?)), and I can say without equivocation that sailing models is the most fun I have ever had sailing. Try it, and I bet you just might get hooked too!



PHOTO: BRIG NORTH

*A starting line from the inappropriately-named (for 2009) Blow Out Regatta*

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## THE SPILLWAY PROJECT

*Cassia Sanchez, Dallas Water Utilities*

The White Rock Spillway construction commenced in early October 2008. The contractor, Rebcon, has completed work on re-routing the trail, a wastewater main relocation, site and dam preparation, and is steadily working on both sides of the spillway to construct the walls.

The North side of the spillway has a number of wall panels poured with the limestone columns, and is quite exciting to see the architecture develop. The piers and footings for the walls are all being constructed on the South side (Garland Rd) and the forms are up for a couple of wall panels to be poured.

The project is currently on schedule to be completed by April 2010.

As for the lowering of the lake, this is still an option for the contractor to utilize to protect work and equipment during a large rain event. Currently, Rebcon has no plans to lower the lake and is trying to refrain from using the option while the weather remains mild.

If the lake lowering is ever requested and approved by the City, at least a three week notice would be provided to the sailing clubs and other lake patrons.



~ Cool comes to the Corinthian Sailing Club ~

### Brown Bag Jazz Nite

Friday April 3rd 6:30 PM

**Come down and join us for a night of music and fun featuring  
Oak Cliff based acoustic jazz duo**

**MARKLEY & BALMER**

<http://www.myspace.com/markleyandbalmer>

**Hot guitar, cool vocals and even a little jazzy banjo.  
You will be sorry if you miss this one!**

**Pick up some take-out or have some pizza delivered to the clubhouse.  
We will provide soft drinks, beer and the margarita machine. This  
event is free to all CSC members and only \$5 for guests.  
(To aid in planning please let us know if you are bringing more than two guests)**

**Mark your calendars! This Friday night!**



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## LASER FLEET NEWS

*Norm Grail*

The first annual meeting of the newly formed White Rock Lake Laser Fleet, which is now recognized by the International Laser Class Association-North America, was held February 6th resulting in 14 charter members.

Thank you to Bo and Betsy Hoag who opened their home to all, providing for a wonderful venue for the first official meeting. Among the topics of discussion were the format for Wednesday night racing, a monthly Wednesday night party, Saturday racing, local dues, a proposed budget, a CSC Laser Regatta, boat space needs, spruce up projects, and other topics.

A drawing was held for an electric bike that was donated by Bruce Moore and won by Devry Garrett—thanks Bruce and congratulations Devry! Thanks to all who attended and for the enthusiastic and cooperative spirit, the camaraderie, and the sharing of many thoughts and ideas that will be the basis for a fun and full season of Laser sailing.

The White Rock Laser sailors welcome you to join in friendly yet competitive clinic-style sailing on Wednesday evenings and Saturday mornings and afternoons from mid-April through mid-October. The Wednesday evening racing series will begin April 15 (one way to shake off the income-tax-is-due blues), although some eager beavers have been itching to start since early March. Sailors are encouraged to be on the lake early in order to be ready for the 6:30 pm first start on

Wednesday evenings. Following races on the first Wednesday of the season (April 15) and once a month thereafter through October, the Laser Fleet will host a BBQ (BYOB style). It is free to all members of the local Laser fleet and \$5 for all others. Everyone is invited and encouraged to join in the fun.

On Saturdays, any and all Laser sailors are encouraged to join the Butterfly fleet with the first start scheduled for 10:30 am. When there are three or more Lasers on the course Saturday mornings, the Lasers will be given a separate start—so everyone is encouraged to show up. In addition, the White Rock Laser Fleet, Corinthian Sailing Club, and White Rock Boat Club host regattas throughout the board boat racing season, welcoming experienced and novice sailors alike. We encourage you to attend the social functions enjoyed by all the sailors on White Rock Lake. We look forward to your joining us soon.

Finally, the Laser Fleet has put together a simple blog-style web site, [www.werlls.blogspot.com](http://www.werlls.blogspot.com). It provides Laser Fleet members a way to let others know who will be sailing each Wednesday and Saturday, as well as up-to-date news of Lasers events and developments, useful links and tips, a blog for bantering, and pics of Laser sailors, events and activities.

Check it out!

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### AN IMPORTANT LETTER TO THE MEMBERS OF CSC

As many of you are aware, we have had several recent incidents of highly improper activity at the CSC Clubhouse. High school aged teenagers have thrown impromptu parties, and in at least one instance done significant damage. Tables have been trashed (apparently danced on with muddy shoes), and lots of containers left strewn around (some half-full of various liquids.) The large floor fan was tossed into the lake, and two gas grills are nowhere to be found.

It is absolutely critical that drug use, underage drinking, or any other violations not occur on Club premises. This behavior is carefully monitored at scheduled club events; the Club has no control over it during unscheduled and unauthorized events. These activities are specifically not sanctioned or sponsored by the club

This type of activity cannot and will not be tolerated. The gate codes and security cameras make it possible to determine who enters the Club facility. Penalties up to and including suspension and expulsion will be assessed for any member found to be responsible for these actions. The Dallas Police might get called for particularly boisterous disturbances.

So, be very protective of your gate code. If it appears to have let the wrong folks in you will hear from us. If you would like to change it to a new one (to be better protected) let us know – no questions asked.

A reminder – make sure that the gates are shut and locked at all times. If you must leave a gate open as guests to a function arrive, please monitor who comes in and close the gate as the function begins.

Most importantly, make sure that your family and their friends do not have the chance to treat your Club this way.

*Board of Directors*

*Corinthian Sailing Club*



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## LEUKEMIA CUP REGATTA

*Diane Van Buren*

Join us April 24-26 as we host our annual North Texas Leukemia Cup Regatta. This is the largest regatta of the year at CSC, with the expectation of more than seventy boats participating in six or more fleets. In addition to great racing, the weekend is packed with exciting social events, including an awesome auction, music and great food. All proceeds benefit the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society (LLS).

The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society supports research in finding cures for leukemia, lymphoma, and myeloma. Additionally, a portion of the funds collected stay here in North Texas, funding patient support and education.

Plans for the regatta are well underway, with a great committee in place.

How can you help?

- ❖ You can SAIL! Your entry fees go directly to the LLS. Invite other fleet members and even out-of-town guests to join in the fun and great racing.
- ❖ Not a racer? Then JOIN US each evening for dinner and the auction on Saturday night (meal tickets will be available).
- ❖ You can do more than raise a sail to fight these blood diseases, you can RAISE FUNDS! Ask family, friends, neighbors, even co-workers to sponsor you. The LLS will help you set up a web page on [dojiggy.com](http://dojiggy.com) where people can donate online. To get to the LLS website simply click on the Leukemia Cup Logo on the CSC website, [www.cscsailing.org](http://www.cscsailing.org).
- ❖ You can also donate or solicit items for our auction. Fundraisers are eligible to win great prizes including gift certificates to West Marine and North Sails. If you raise \$8,500 or more you will win the Fantasy Sail Trip with Gary Jobson this fall (airfare, hotel, and meals included).
- ❖ Can't make the regatta? Consider DONATING — make a tax deductible personal donation to the regatta.



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If you have any questions contact Diane Van Buren at [vanburen4@sbcglobal.net](mailto:vanburen4@sbcglobal.net) or 214-827-0204, or Red Dog Jones at [lawdog@jonesgeisler.com](mailto:lawdog@jonesgeisler.com). Auction donations and questions can also be directed to Cindy Hanifen by e-mail at [Hanifen1@sbcglobal.net](mailto:Hanifen1@sbcglobal.net) or at 214-906-3718, or Sally Jones at [sljwc@aol.com](mailto:sljwc@aol.com)

Join us as we raise a sail to save a life!

## OPTIMAL OPTIMIST ORDERLINESS

*Steve Comen*

The new Opti racks are an Eagle Scout project by junior sailor Bruno Harvey. The racks will hold 12 Optis in about 1/4<sup>th</sup> the space they used to require. Bruno worked with Ken Brown on a design based on inputs from Frank Richards. Most of the construction was done in one weekend with 6-8 Boy Scouts along with assistance from Ken and Scott Murphy.

Bruno, Ken, and Scott have all done some extra work, and there are just a few finishing touches that Bruno and crew will get done this month.



PHOTOS: JIM O'CONNOR

*Cogitation Concerning Construction*



*Completion*



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## SAILING EDUCATION UPDATE

*Steve Comen*

### Junior Race Team

The TSA circuit started with a Valentine's Day Regatta in Houston the weekend of Feb 14. Masie Comen placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in the 420 fleet with RCYC member and novice sailor Tim Brimelow as crew. Four sailors traveled to Canyon Lake for the LCYC junior regatta the weekend of 3/21. Sam Gladen and Aaron Comen sailed a 420. Masie Comen sailed a Laser 4.7. After a slow start on Saturday, she finished Sunday with two firsts to move into sixth place overall. Tyler Killion sailed consistently well and finished 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Opti Green fleet.

We will host the annual Rock the Rock Regatta at CSC April 4-5. We expect to surpass last year's record turnout of 49 boats, including having a 420 class for the first time in recent memory. If you would like to help out on race committee, please contact Steve Comen, [steve.comen@gmail.com](mailto:steve.comen@gmail.com).

### Junior Sailing Camps

Gavin Rudolph, Paul Denison, and Nicole Grant are all returning as coaches for the sailing camps this summer. The sailing camps for this year are scheduled for June 8-19, June 22-July 3, and July 20-31 from 9am-2pm. Registration forms are on the club web site. New for this year will be a Teen Camp from 2:30pm-6:30pm June 8-19. This will only be open to sailors aged 13-18 and will be held in Lasers and 420s. We will also have a race team session from 2:30pm-6:30pm June 22- July 3.

### Adult Sailing Classes

We will have two classes, one in May and one in June.

The first class, which will meet for six sessions, will be May 5-21 on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The second class will be June 2-18, again on Tuesdays and Thursdays. 25-30 people have expressed interest.

Each class will have 12-15 students. Each boat will have 2-3 students, who will learn rigging, skippering and sail handling by rotating through these jobs in the boat.

If you would like to sign up for the class, contact Steve Comen, [steve.comen@gmail.com](mailto:steve.comen@gmail.com). If you are willing to help out as an instructor, please contact Red Dog Jones, [lawdog@jonesgeisler.com](mailto:lawdog@jonesgeisler.com).

### Special Olympics

The Special Olympics sailing program starts Thursday, Apr 2. We will have practices Thursday evenings through May 7 and will have the annual area regatta on Wednesday, May 13. We can always use more unified partners to sail with the athletes; please contact Steve Comen if you are interested in helping out.



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## MARCH 3<sup>RD</sup> BOARD MEETING

- ❖ Two boat pads have freed up, and will be leased based on the waiting list.
- ❖ There was an extensive discussion of the recent clubhouse trashing with a member whose gate code had been used many times during the period of the trashing.
- ❖ A member was expelled based on failure to maintain their davit.
- ❖ There was a discussion about placing on the club website the audio recordings of sailing stories that Diane Van Buren has made in connection with the forthcoming 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Cookbook. The consensus was that it would be good to place these stories in an oral history section of the website. Need a volunteer with web authoring experience to set the page up.
- ❖ The membership committee have had these ideas for new members:
  - Have a buddy system. Each new member would have a buddy who knows their way around the club and who would help new members to not feel as if they were being ignored.
  - Tag a monthly new member open house onto Wednesday night fun races.
  - Create a formal one- or two-page letter for new members, highlighting their responsibilities to the club, and the club's responsibilities to the member.
- ❖ Solicit the donation of an Automated External Defibrillator. AEDs require training for use, but are relatively simple and safe to operate.
- ❖ Let's try and get a group picture of new members at the First Friday parties for use in the Main Sheet, as a token of welcome to CSC.
- ❖ Will send out an email blast asking for volunteers to help with social and entertainment work.
- ❖ A camera in the clubhouse now records what's going on inside. This should help with any future issues of vandalism in the clubhouse.
- ❖ Frank Richards has had the weather station anemometer repaired, thanks to the generous help of David Patterson.
- ❖ The weather station monitor now displays the forecast, along with wind and Nexrad radar data.

We would like to warmly welcome these new members to CSC:

**David Albright**  
**Brad and Amanda Moulton**  
**Sosea and Stacy Baker**  
**Mark & Heather Reim**  
**Sam and Chelle Watson**  
**Dennis and Brenda Draper**  
**Chuck Chapman**  
**Trey Fielder**  
**Kevin Major**  
**Bill Compton**  
**Scott & Lisa Ball**  
**Wes & Joellen Herman**  
**Aaron Devore**  
**Jeff Camiel**  
**David Pratt**  
**Peter Wood**  
**Sam Friedman**

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PHOTO: JIM O'CONNOR

*St. Patrick's Day Celebration, Friday, March 13<sup>th</sup> 2009*

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## THE MAIN SHEET - YOUR NEWSLETTER

The Main Sheet belongs to each member of the club. This is an invitation to all members to submit articles about the club, regattas, meetings, fleets, awards, members, family and community. The deadline for submission is three days before the last day of the month. Please submit articles to [secretary@cscsailing.org](mailto:secretary@cscsailing.org). If you prefer, call Jim O'Connor at 214-369-9037 and simply leave your idea in a voice mail message. An article draft will shortly waft its way to you for proof-reading. Any suggestions concerning improvements to the newsletter are welcome. If you have experienced problems with the newsletter, please contact me at [secretary@cscsailing.org](mailto:secretary@cscsailing.org).

*Membership in the Corinthian Sailing Club is open to anyone with an interest in sailing. Club facilities are located at 441 E. Lawther Drive on the East side of beautiful White Rock Lake. Phone 214-320-0841. Our web address is <http://www.cscsailing.org> ; a general email address is [info@cscsailing.org](mailto:info@cscsailing.org). Our mailing address is Corinthian Sailing Club, PO Box 180087, Dallas, TX 75218.*

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