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COMMODORE'S LETTER

Bill Wilson

IS IT MAGIC?

There are mystical forces in the universe. There are things we mere mortals can not understand. There are magical events that defy comprehension. I'm trying to figure out which category some of the events of the past month fall into.

As you will recall, we had a major 'fridge floater' flood in September the Wednesday before the Open House and Wooden Boat show. And yet 'magically' the club house looked clean and neat. No mud on the docks, no debris hung up in the nooks and crannies. How amazing that our club has a magical forcefield surrounding it that makes it clean in the nick of time. What's even more amazing is that after we have several hundred guests for the event, the place still looks clean. What is this magic?

The magic that most members do not see is the hard work of a few dedicated individuals giving their time and energy to make miracles happen at the CSC. No calls need to be made to get everyone together.

There is no sign in sheet. There is really not much organization to it at all. People just show up and get to work on what they see needs to be done. If you were not there you would have to wonder how it happens.

The magic is hard work. A hand full of people show up and make magic by working their tails off. The rest of us can come down and have a club we can be proud of because of the magic act of cleaning, power washing, replacing and straightening that they do for the club. The magic is the bond that these people have for this club. The magic is the fact that our club can attract people with this level of commitment that willingly come and give so much of themselves.

So come down and enjoy the magic. It is getting into the great, cool autumn weather that makes the sailing so good. But more importantly, look for the magic that is happening all around us.

Fair Winds,

Bill Wilson

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MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Norrm Grail

The month of September was a rather busy month around the club with the advent of cooler weather and the start of the regatta season. Many members, new and old, have been buzzing about the docks and the lake enjoying the start to what is turning out to be a great fall.

New Members

Please welcome our newest members: *Nancy Whittier, Heather & Chris Gilker, Jan Parsley, Larry Herrick, Debra & Monty McKnight, Cindy & Britton Banowsky, Jamey Rabbit, Leslie & Dr. William Jackson, Ann Ramsey, Stephanie & Evan Engwall, Sharm (Demarque) & Burt Gilson, Gisela (Quevedo) & Rodrigo Favela.* Dr. Jackson, Jamey Rabbitt, and Rodrigo Favela are CSC's newest members and avid Sunfish sailors and can be seen practicing Wednesday evenings and Saturday mornings. They are bringing a lot of excitement and activity to the club. Welcome aboard everyone!

The Flood

The rains started on Monday September 6th and continued through the Wednesday evening September 8th causing the lake to rise 2 1/2 feet or more above the clubhouse floor. The pictures below were taken by Sandy Denison on Thursday morning, September 9th, after the rain had stopped and as the water was receding leaving the clubhouse and docks a complete mess and in total disarray.

With the CSC Open House scheduled for Saturday September 11th—only two days away—and the facilities in no shape to host such an event, an amazing group of CSC members showed up to spend the day power washing, scrubbing, hauling, fixing, everything in and out of the clubhouse so she would regain her sparkle and shine. On Saturday, the clubhouse was spic and span, decorated and ready for all our guests. What an amazing transformation.

The CSC members who spent most, if not all, of their day Thursday and some of Friday, transforming the clubhouse and dock areas were non other than CSC heroes *Kathy and Bob Harrington*, along with *Louis "Peg Leg" Rodencal, Jimmy Benedetto, Bob Gough, Bob Jones, Tommy Miller, Richard Wade, Jim and Bowman O'Connor, Bill Wilson, Mark Babb*, the usual *members of the Corinthian Fleet*, along with the usual *members of the Laser Fleet* who were cleaning the common dock areas along with many others not mentioned who were pitching in to put the club back together in record time. *Thank You!!*

Open House and Laser Regatta

The CSC Open House was held on Sept 11 and the CSC Laser Regatta was held on Sept 11-12. (More on the Laser Regatta elsewhere in this newsletter. The Wooden Boat Association of North Texas had numerous glimmering and wonderfully restored old runabouts in the water and they also organized a tribute to the armed services and others affected September 11th. Both events were well attended with the Open House serving over 420 hot dogs, to guests and members. The club received \$275.00 in donations in turn given to The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.



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A complete slideshow of pictures of this event—the festivities and the ceremony that were taken by Richard Haug of the Wooden Boat Association—may be viewed at <http://s1017.photobucket.com/albums/af299/WBAPhotos/WBA%20Classics%20on%20White%20Rock%202010/?albumview=slideshow> and a nice video may be viewed at Wooden Boat Association website found at <http://woodenboatassociation.com>. Take a moment to view the pictures and the video, I think you will be glad you did. *Thank you Richard and to all the members of the Wooden Boat Association!*

The Open House and the Laser Regatta could not have taken place without the help of the following CSC members who helped in organizing, setting up and decorating the facilities, serving food, manning the booths, directing traffic and the many other activities necessary to pull this major event off well: *Jimmy Benedetto, Louis Rodencal, Joel Stewart, Mark Mihm, Kip Heuert, Harlin “Cooter” Hale, Claire Hale, Robin Weber, Amanda Boers, Tammy Murphy, Tim Adams, Lauri Block, Audrey Duffell, Jerry Tubay, Linda Calvert, Terri Box, Pat Diggins, Johan Ekstrom, Jackie Haigney, Ann Ramsey, Mike Krasner, Dixie Royals, Janeen V., Jim and Bowman O'Connor, Bill Wilson, Cindy Hanifen, Kathy and Bob Harrington, Heidi Gough*, and many others who helped make this day very special. *Thank You!!*

Upcoming October and November Events

CSC has a whole “boat load” of activities scheduled this fall.

Regattas. By the time you read this the State Fair Regatta was held on October 2nd. We enjoyed approximately 69 boats on the water in 6 fleets. The results may be viewed at <http://www.cscsailing.org/Year%202010/2010StateFairRegattaByRaceAndSummary.htm>. Among the many upcoming regattas—the Flying Scot Open House (October 16-17), the White Rock Lake and Club Championship (October 24), Wursthfest (October 30-31), and the Second Saturday Shoreline Cleanups (November 13). Also there are opportunities to volunteer for race duty. Contact Michael Mittman (mittmans@yahoo.com) if you would like to help out with the Flying Scot Open House (October 16-17) or contact Jim O'Connor (race@cscsailing.org) to volunteer to help with the White Rock Lake and Club Championship (October 24) or the Terlingua Regatta at DCYC (October 30-31).

Past Commodore Dinner. Don't forget the Past Commodore's Dinner (October 23). Please try to attend this fun event and, if you are doing so, please R.S.V.P. Cindy Hanifen (entertainment@cscsailing.org) by October 15. For all of the newer members of CSC, this is a great opportunity to meet the women and men who have helped make CSC a great organization. Cocktails at 6 pm followed by dinner (catered by Salt Grass Steakhouse) with live music and lots of great stories and memories that will be shared. The cost is \$25.00 per person.

CSC Annual Banquet. Finally, please plan to attend CSC Annual Banquet is on November 19 at the Filter Building on the south end of White Rock Lake. This is a final social event of the year that includes cocktails, dinner, fleet awards, musical entertainment and dancing. This is always a fun evening that marks the beginning of the holiday season.

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The Flood



Photos by Norm Grail



Above photos by Norm Grail

The Open House



Above photos by Amanda Boers

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Labor Day Weekend Races

Photos by Mike Seay



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CORINTHIAN FLEET NEWS

Gibb Joseph

Check our Corinthian Fleet's has a new website: www.corinthiansailing.com.

Ahoy All, The Single Handed Regatta was held on Saturday and we had a fantastic turn out with 12 Skippers showing up to compete and support the Fleet, the early morning winds or lack of wind created a postponement to a 12 noon start but it was a great decision as the winds started filling in by first gun. The course and winds were definitely challenging this year and at the last rounding it could still have been anybody's race but as it turned out our top three finishers for the Single Handed Regatta this year is 3rd Bill Wilson, excuse me that's Commodore Wilson, 2nd Gina (wrong way) Wilson and in 1st Place our beloved Mac (the knife) McCoy, congratulations to not only these three Skippers but to all the Skippers who competed so fiercely in this Regatta.

The Corinthian Fleet and it's Captain would also like to say thank you and a big Aaaarrgghhh to all who helped to make the Regatta a success both on the water and at the VIP.

Thanks and see you on the Dock.!



Photo by
Gibb Joseph



Please RECYCLE ~ we can all make a difference!

Help us keep the recycling bins empty...



It's easy! Simply take the full bag from the bin and place it outside the club gates by the trash cans. We must use blue recycling bags – they are located in the tack room with the cleaning supplies (some bags may be tied to the inside handles of the bins).

THANK YOU for all your help! Any questions please call or email Shelley Roberts:
srob2007@yahoo.com or 214.901.4879.

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LASER FLEET NEWS

Norm Grail

The Laser Fleet Wednesday evening racing series is drawing to a close with the sun setting earlier and earlier. This season has been very active with the Fleet averaging 8-12 boats per night on the water. *Mark Babb* continues to set the pace followed closely by *Jacques Roy*, *Mike Rist*, and *Bo Hoag*. Candidates for most improved are *Sandy Denison*, *Forest Atkins*, *Mike Hansen*, and *Alanna Strong*—actually everyone has improved this season making for a very competitive fleet. The picture to the left was taken by a member of the Wednesday evening race committee during the peak of the summer. The Fleet thanks everyone who worked race committee on Wednesday evenings especially *Jim O'Connor* who attended to the races on a large majority of Wednesday evenings. *Thanks Jim!!*



Photo by Norm Grail

The annual CSC Laser Regatta was held on September 11-12 with 11 participants. *Jacques Roy* came in first, *Mark Babb* second, and *Mike Rist* third in light to moderate breezes on Saturday morning and Sunday morning. Thank you to a awesome race committee consisting of *Brigham North*, PRO, *John Diggins*, *Gibb Joseph*, *Alvin Skelton*, *Bob Van Buren*, and (who am I forgetting?). We had a few sailors place really well in individual races indicating the quality of the fleet is improving as is the competition within the fleet. The full results may be viewed at http://www.cscsailing.org/race_results.html.

Finally, as the Wednesday evening series draws to a close we will still sail our Lasers on Saturday mornings progressively donning warmer clothing and harassing the Butterflies. Until next April when daylight saving time returns along with warmer evenings and longer days, we bid farewell to this season.



Photo by Norm Grail

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DAVIT REGISTRAR'S REPORT

Forest Atkins

Among the most noticeable aspects of our club next to the boats, racing, activities and clubhouse are the dock, dinghy pad and davit complex. Improvements by the club to the dock walk-ways continue to be made as well as those performed by the membership to their davits and pad areas. The dock network is progressively being replaced by metallic structure and more durable walking surface that will last for decades to come.

I wanted to extend my appreciation to the members who have recently joined and completed davit replacements/repairs as well as those existing members who have responded to requests or recommendations for davit improvements. Much of this has occurred during the hot summer weather that we're just now getting a break from ! Our requests have pretty consistently been met with methodical and effective action.

A big part of Davit ownership is understanding the obligations of the club and member-davit owner. While it may not be too exciting, it helps to read the club By-Laws available on the CSC website particularly Article II. Over the many years of CSC existence much experience has found it's way into the By-Laws.

This is the best place to start when a davit concern occurs, but always feel free to contact me directly with any question you might have.

Here are some important things to keep in mind.....

- ☞ CSC exists to promote ACTIVE sailing so by all means go sailing often !
- ☞ Davit or pad ownership primarily for boat storage only is contrary to By-Law intent so by all means go sailing often !
- ☞ Boat and davit operational condition is an important davit owner obligation so by all means maintain your boat and davit so you can go sailing often !
- ☞ Davit owners are also responsible and liable.... for the "finger-pier" between davits on the winch wheel side.
- ☞ Carpeting attached to the dock or pad surface may be nice to hulls but will retain moisture and promote rot, resulting eventual unexpected failure.
- ☞ During the storms we occasionally have here in the DFW area it helps to monitor the website webcam and check your boat if the water gets high.
- ☞ Boats in davits are well served to be tied securely at the bow with drain plugs removed to best survive high water
- ☞ Water can accumulate in boats (with drain plugs left in) and the extra weight is kinda hard on the boat and davit !
- ☞ For those wishing to buy or sell a davit the club website For Sale/ Wanted forum remains the best place to post

Davits and pads themselves aren't too exciting, but they are a big part of making our sailing experience a better one.

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CSC YOUTH SAILING UPDATE

Renee Comen

The CSC Youth have had a busy couple of months. We have had several open sailing sessions and the race team has had several regattas.

In August 4 CSC sailors headed down to the coast and sailed the Cannonball Regatta in Palacios. Tyler Killion finished 4th in Opti Red and 14th overall and Cole Draper finished 5th in Opti Blue and 15th overall. Josh Draper sailed in his first regatta and finished 12th out of 19 in the Opti Green Fleet. Connor Basile also raced in his first regatta and finished 5th in Laser Radial.

In September 14 CSC sailors headed over to Rush Creek Yacht Club to sail in the Chocopalooza Regatta (formerly the Black Cat Regatta). We were excited that Chelsea Bethancourt came up from A&M to coach the green fleet at this regatta. Winds were light on Saturday and moderate on Sunday. The finishes were:

Opti Green Fleet: Maxwell Read was 4th, Michael Collins was 7th, Emma Winson 8th, John Collins 9th, Killian Baker 10th, Josh Draper 12th, Ian Winson 16th, and Andrea Goodart 25.

The Opti Red, White and Blue Fleet: Cole Draper 18th (11th in Blue), Tyler Killion 22nd (3rd in Red), Max Lipari 23rd (13th in Blue), and Rachel Mittman 25th (8th in White).

Ben Lipari skippered a 420 and finished 6th.

On Oct 2nd Cole Draper went down to Houston for the Endless Summer Regatta and several CSC sailors competed here in the State Fair Regatta. Results were not available when this article was written but will be shared at a different time.

CSC Adopt-A-Shoreline



When: Second Saturday of every month
Where: North parking lot in front of the CSC
Time: 8:30am – 10am (or so)

Second Saturday Shoreline Spruce-Ups are always a worthwhile couple of hours spent as stewards for our great White Rock Lake and Park. We would love to see your smiling faces!

For more details, please email the CSC Group lead for this program, Shelley Roberts at srob2007@yahoo.com or call Alvin Skelton at 214-564-0104.

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Annual Past Commodores Dinner

October 23rd

Cocktails @6:00-- Dinner served @6:30

New members; this is a great opportunity to meet the men and women who have helped make our Club a great organization. Don't miss the delicious food, live music and personal stories of our club's evolution.

Dinner will be provided by:

Salt Grass Steak House

Menu

Appetizers

Caesar Salad

Shrimp Kebob

Your choice of Steak or Chicken

Green Beans

Garlic Mashed Potatoes

Dessert

Wine and Beer

Live Music

Nick Ballarini Master Accordionist



Nick's repertoire ranges from classical to pop to the many ethnic styles associated with the accordion. During Nick's career he has played with many prominent musicians such as Luciano Pavarotti, Mel Torme and The Chieftans.

Tickets: \$25.00 per person

RSVP by Oct. 15th

Online or by email at Entertainment@cscsailing.org**

**Indicate how many will attend and your choice of steak or chicken.

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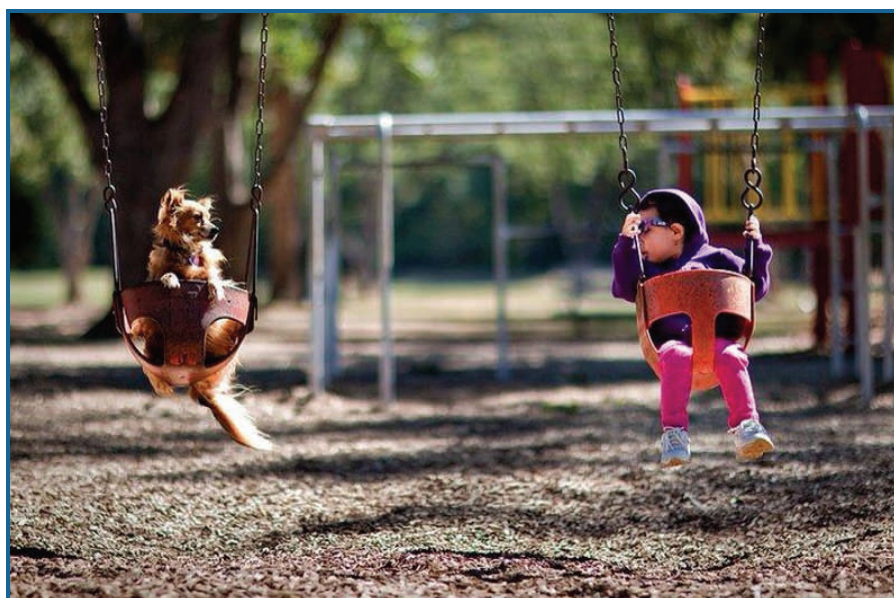


Paws in the City will be hosting another adoption event on Saturday, October 23rd (times TBD).

Last month they had a great turn out with 5 dog adoptions! They will be outside the club area near the north lot.

Even though this area is a prime spot for them, they are respectful of the parking needs for the CSC members so there should be no issue with parking.

For more details visit www.pawsinthecity.org or reach out to Shelley Roberts srob2007@yahoo.com or 214.901.4879



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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. If you prefer, call Jeff Marosz at 214-210-2420 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.

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. Our mailing address is Corinthian Sailing Club, PO Box 180087, Dallas, TX 75218