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COMMODORE'S LETTER

Bill Wilson

Hi Sailors,

We had a good turn out for the Sailing For Rhinos event. Their coordinator Alex Vasquez sent me the following message:

I can't thank you and the club enough for everything you guys did to make this event a success. As of now we made about \$4300 and had close to 200 people attend. Can you pass that news to your members so they know what impact they made on rhino conservation. Again thank you for making this event one of the best yet.

It was a good time for a good cause. I hope everyone had the chance to meet with some of the zookeepers, they are a neat bunch.

Unfortunately, the July 4th event had a down side to it. Red Dog's crew had her purse stolen out of her car. Since we can't bring the cars inside the gate, we have to keep our eyes open for this. I would think it is especially likely on a weekend with big crowds and lots of faces we don't recognize. Obviously we need to hide the good stuff or bring it inside the gates. But we can also be a bit more vigilant and at least look

like we are keeping a close watch.

I would also like to see more help with keeping the trash and recycling cans emptied out. Instead of trying to add just one more beer can to the mound without having it topple, try grabbing a bag and get it out to the city pickup spot. It doesn't take that long and it sure looks a lot better. Remember, in almost all cases, your momma isn't going to be here to pick up after you. We are a fully volunteer organization which means everyone needs to lend a hand on getting the work done. If you are wondering who's supposed to take care of that, it is your turn.

Looking ahead, I see a Sunfish regatta at WRBC coming at the end of the month, Aug. 28-29. The Open House and Wooden Boat Show combined with a Laser regatta is coming up just two weeks later on September 11. After that things really start jumping. If you would like to volunteer for the Open House, let Jim O'Connor and/or Cindy Hanifen know. They'll be making most of the plans or know who to talk to. It's a fun way to get your service hours knocked out.

See you sailin'

Bill Wilson

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MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Norrm Grail

I believe the dog days of summer are upon us. The great breezes of this spring are being replaced with drifters which when combined with the Texas heat makes an ice chest full of cold beverages awfully attractive these days. Yet, there is no better place to be than on the lake messing about in one's boat.

The newest members, since the publication of July Mainsheet, are *Beth & Greg Basile*, *Nancy & Bud Bush*, and *Susan & Paul Cluiss*. The *Basile* family are associate members who are desiring to start sailing again and look forward to hanging out with the club's many active members; the *Bush* family have purchased Flying Scot 5175 and davit 172 from Larry Boerder and plan to race and cruise; and the *Cluiss* family will be mooring a Catalina 22 among the Corinthians and maybe occasionally sailing their Butterfly. Welcome aboard, folks!

We have lots of activities on and off the water for everyone to take advantage of this month:

1. Saturday, August 14th is the Second Saturday Shoreline Cleanup which provides all of us any opportunity to our part to help keep White Rock Lake clean. Time spent volunteering for this activity count towards your 8-hour annual service requirement.
2. On Saturday and Sunday, August 28-29th, White Rock Boat Club host the White Rock Lake Sunfish Regatta. This is sure to attract some good competition from around the state and, at the very least should be fun to watch.
3. Of course, sailboat racing is the main event of CSC. Among the many fleets of sailboats on the lake the Flying Scots, the Corinthians, the Lasers, the Butterflies are the largest followed by the V-15, the Snipes, and a few Lightnings. On Wednesday evening the racing begins races at 6:30 pm and anyone can join in the fun. With the longer daylight hours, 4 or 5 races are usually held, and most of evenings a great sunset is enjoyed during the final race. The Laser Fleet usually has 8-10 boats out on race course and sails from mid-April until mid-October. The Butterfly Fleet compete every Saturday morning year-around with the racing beginning at 10:30 am. The largest fleet on the lake, the Flying Scots, race on Sunday afternoon year around beginning at 1:30 pm. All boats from any fleet are welcome to race on any of the weekly racing dates.

Finally, don't forget every member of CSC is encouraged and required to devote 8-hours of service annually to the club. Your service requirement may be accomplished by serving on race duty, volunteering to help with one or more of the many events or regattas that take place throughout the year, helping with maintaining the clubhouse, the committee and rescue boats, and by attending the annual work day in April to mention just a few. The club can use always use and welcomes your help!

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Photo by Norm Grail

The volunteer spirit! *John Diggins* and *Bob Harrington* are installing a new bimini on a rescue boat on a hot Sunday afternoon. After much discussion, some confusion, a missing part or two, and a little frustration, *Jim O'Connor* decided it might be wise to read the instructions. I was supervising and guarding the beer. Thanks guys for all that you do around the club.

4th of July Sail



Photo by Jeff Marosz

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PAST COMMODORE MARSHALL FAGIN (1908 – 2010)

The following was provided by his son David Fagin. Marshall Fagin passed away on July 1, 2010:

“Dad” Kyle Marshall ("K.M." or "Marshall") Fagin, was born on December 11, 1908 in Amelia, Ohio. He was raised in Chicago, attended the Univ. of Illinois, and moved with his new wife, Frances Gaston Fagin to Oklahoma in 1930 and on to Texas in 1931 ending up in Dallas in 1935. After 73 years, I believe he's a Texan, through and through.

After celebrating their 68th anniversary, Mom passed away in 1997. On Nov. 20, 1999 he married Inez Dearing Rucker ("Inez") Fagin. On the CSC dock, he announced to my two brothers, Dick and Don, “that he was taking a child bride of 81!”

Mom (Frances) loved sailing. She and Dad would load all four boys on the boat (even when I was a baby and later when little sis Elizabeth Fagin (Libby) Zaby was a baby) and they'd take regular evening sails. On Sundays, we would all joust for positions as crew for my dad until old enough to skipper ourselves. All of us were raised at CSC and loved the people and the racing. Mom would usually be left onshore while the rest of us were racing, but she never complained. She and Dad were wonderful parents. The lake provided lots of adventures for us and kept us out of serious trouble elsewhere.

Marshall and Frances lived on Biscayne, only a short walk from CSC, during our formative years. After we'd all flown the coop, they moved to Hillgreen on the other side of the lake but stayed close. After Dad and Inez were married, they moved to her place at the Dallas Athletic Club Golf Course.

The exact year Dad was Commodore is a bit unclear but the mid-50's would be correct. We used to have to suffer from droughts as well as floods. White Rock was a principal water supply lake for the City of Dallas and in dry years, they'd use it all up. Rarely did it put us out of business, but it certainly interfered with our access to the docks in late August and early September in a few years. Of course, when the spring and fall rains came, we'd often have to rescue our boats from the floods, sometimes in the middle of the night. When I was Commodore, about 1966, I got Flood Insurance from Lloyd's, and sure enough we had two consecutive years of floods before they cancelled.

There were actually four brothers, in the order of Robert (Bob, who passed away in the late 60's), Richard (Dick) who lives in Highland Park, Don, who lives in Chicago, and me. When I was 12, Dad and Mom gave us a little sister, Lib, who lives on Vanderbilt in Dallas, and she is also an accomplished sailor. Dick, Don and I raced Lightnings together at CSC or several years, trading places as Captain. As our children grew, we ended up with Don and I racing with my son Kyle. Dick and his wife Judy (or their daughters Karen and Lauren) raced Snipes at WRBC. Don moved to Chicago and I moved to New York to pursue our careers. Don and Dick did the Mackanac a few times and I raced on Long Island Sound with my son Scott while living in New Canaan, CT.

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PAST COMMODORE MARSHALL FAGIN (1908 – 2010) CONT'D

My least favorite chore as Commodore was to empty the chemical cans for a month when the contractor quit! We had a great youth sailing program and I loved working with the kids. Later, both Dick and I began racing at Rush Creek YC.

Dad must have joined the Club in about 1940 when he purchased Snipe #6 and joined Fleet #1, at White Rock Lake. We were members as long as I can remember until I moved to Rush Creek in about 1972.

One day, while teaching me (at 6 years old) to dock the boat while under sail, Dad manned the bow while I sailed parallel to the dock. When he said to turn into the dock, I did...only too fast and he fell into the water, while puffing a cigar. He came up laughing and still puffing, trying to keep it lit. I'll never forget all the fun times we had at CSC.

*Please see the CSC Website General Discussion Forum Section with more notes on Kyle Marshall Fagin.

JULY BOARD MEETING MINUTES SUMMARY:

- * A Marine AED will be installed in the clubhouse. A Training class will be held for the AED.
- * A donation was made by CSC to the "Sailing for Rhinos" event.
- * CSC is planning events in coordination with the White Rock Centennial 2011 celebration.
- * The camera will be replaced at the South Gate
- * CSC will furnish rescue boats and marks to assist the Paddle for the Cure Rowing Event.
- * Treasurer report was provided on expenses and budget for the year.
- * New memberships were approved.
- * Three members were expelled from membership for non-payment of dues or non-responsive to davit/boat condition issues.
- * Pier report was provided on projects and budget.
- * A bimini top has been ordered for Rescue #2.
- * Equipment report was provided.
- * Social/Event report was provided.
- * Race report was provided.

4th of July Sunset

Photo by Jeff Marosz



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CORINTHIAN FLEET NEWS

Gibb Joseph

This year the Corinthian Fleet #1 Mid Year Social was a blast and very well attended. We were delighted to entertain guest from some of the other Fleets and the CSC board. Even though the evening started out a little on the hot side it cooled off beautifully and made for a great evening of fun and sailing. I would like to say thanks to all who helped put the event together, you know who you are and to all attendees whether they were fleet members, friends or guest, thanks for helping make it a success. . See everyone on the dock .

Gibb Joseph
Fleet Captain
Corinthian Fleet #1



Photos 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

July has been a great month for Laser sailing on White Rock Lake with better than usual breezes for mid-summer. Wednesday evenings continue to draw six to ten boats providing for some competitive racing followed by burgers and conversation. *Mark Babb*, followed closely by *Roy Jacques* and *Mike Rist*, continues to set the standard for sailing fast in all weather conditions. The rest of us continue to learn.

Bob Van Buren has been trying out a Laser on the past few Wednesday evenings and on his first attempt he got quite a *charge* out of it. It was a few weeks ago, the Fleet encountered a rogue thunderstorm that came up rather quickly catching the entire Fleet and the ever cautious Race Committee off guard. With the wind out of the east and without warning a deafening clap of thunder and a simultaneous super bright flash occurred right over the top of the Fleet as it was nearing the weather mark which was somewhat close to the clubhouse. Three Laser sailors—*Alanna Strong*, *Tony Collins*, and *Roy Jacques* felt a jolt, but were alright. (*Macie Comen* was on the docks putting away a rescue boat at the time and also was zapped but alright.) We all took personal inventory making sure we were upright and then looked around to make sure everyone else was upright when the second lightning strike occurred almost as close as the first. Those who were not wearing their life vest put them on. After some quick discussion about what to do we decided to head back to the docks and then a heavy downpour started the breeze died leaving us to paddle with our hands. While paddling, two more lightning strikes occurred but were not quite as close. We all got back to the docks safely and put the boats up in the downpour and finally made it to the clubhouse for a little food and discussion about what we could have done differently. One suggested we should have gotten in the water. Someone else suggested we tip the boats over to get the mast out of the air and sit on the centerboard. Others said paddling back to the docks was the right thing to do. While no one knew for certain, but it was decided, even though nothing showed on the weather radar according *Jim O'Connor* who was running the races that night, we should have gotten off the water as soon as we saw the dark clouds develop. In researching this topic the next day, I came across a paper titled *Lightning and Sailboats* written by the UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA found at edis.ifas.ufl.edu/pdf/files/SG/SG07100.pdf and the following excerpt may be helpful:

Personal Safety

Consider the worst case scenario for a lightning strike to a sailboat—a small boat in fresh water. If the boat has been provided with a well-built protection system it is still an exceedingly hazardous situation. If lightning protection does not exist, the situation is life threatening. In both cases, the areas to avoid are close to the waterline and close to large metal fitting. In the unprotected boat, an additional danger zone is beneath the mast or boom. Even in the unprotected boat, it is unwise to get in the water, as electrocution is highly probable if lightning strikes nearby. In fact, there is no safe place on an unprotected small sailboat, and in a protected boat only

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places of relative safety. There is, however, one place that is more hazardous than a small unprotected sailboat, that is a small unprotected boat without a mast. Every year there are multiple deaths of boaters in open boats caused by lightning strikes, but very few reports of sailors in sailboats killed by lightning. The above general rules also apply to larger sailboats. These are generally safer, if protected, since it is possible to get away from the waterline and large metal objects, and yet still stay dry inside the cabin. As far as unharnessed electricity is concerned, a dry human body is much less attractive than a wet one.

I think the Laser Fleet will be a little more cautious in the future.

The Laser Fleet sailing amid storm clouds.

Photo by Norm Grail



A smaller group of Lasers are showing up on Saturday mornings to sail with the Butterflies who graciously put up with us getting in their way. *Forest Atkins, Mike Lipari, Roy Jacques, Bo Hoag*, and myself are Saturday regulars with a few other joining us from time-to-time.

CSC Adopt-A-Shoreline

When: Second Saturday of every month

Where: North parking lot in front of the CSC

Time: 8:30 – 10am

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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SNIPE FLEET NEWS

Congratulations to Gene and his daughter Karen who crewed for him.

Photo's from Gene Soltero's win at the District 2 Championship in Denver last weekend.



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CSC JUNIOR SAILING UPDATE

Renee Comen

CSC Junior Race Team News

Texas Youth Race Week

5 members of the CSC Junior Race Team competed at Texas Youth Race Week (TYRW) on Galveston Bay just outside of Houston from July 11th to 16th. TYRW consists of three regattas raced over six days. Host clubs include Texas Corinthian Yacht Club, Houston Yacht Club, and Lakewood Yacht Club. Approximately, 106 Opti's, 25 Lasers, and 9 420's competed in this year's event. Conditions were good with winds blowing 10 to 15 though temperatures were mid to upper 90's and humid. Gavin Rudolph and Chelsea Bethancourt did a great job of coaching our sailors.

Tyler Killion, Rachel Mittman, and Cole Draper competed in the Red, White and Blue Optimist Fleets (experienced sailors) against 60 other boats. Tyler finished 43 overall and 10th in the Opti Red Fleet. Rachel finished 54th overall and 13th in the White fleet. She did an excellent job considering she slipped during a jibe on the 3rd day of racing; she hit the bulkhead with her cheek and didn't race that day. Cole finished 49th overall and 29th in the blue fleet, in his first Race Week event.

In the Opti Green (novice fleet) Emma Winson competed at the last venue, in her first complete regatta. She did a great job and finished 7th out of 37 sailors.

Aaron Comen teamed up with his good friend Zach Turner, who had sailed only once before, on the 420. They improved every regatta finishing 9th, 8th, and 7th. By the end of the week, Zach was flying the spinnaker and going out on the trapeze like a pro. They only came in with mud on the sail one day, after 6 or 7 capsizes.

Once again the team spent a lot of time on and off the water together. NASA was a hit on the lay day as well as the movie, Despicable Me, and Nerf Swords. CSC parents continue to win the best parent's award in my book, being available to sailors from all clubs in need of assistance.

Next TSA circuit stop will be the Cannonball Run Regatta in Palacios, TX August 14th and 15th

CSC Beginning Regatta

CSC hosted its annual Beginners' Regatta on July 31st. This year we invited beginners from across the Metroplex to join us and had a great turn out. Eligible sailors had completed and least one camp and sailed in less than 3 regattas. 32 Optimist sailors, and 4 Laser sailors came. CSC had 9 Opti sailors and all 4 of the Laser sailors competing. It was a hot day with light winds of 0 to 6.

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CSC JUNIOR SAILING UPDATE CONT'D

PRO Steve Comen was assisted by CSC coaches, Masie Comen and Gavin Rudolph, race team member, Cole Draper and David Butler. Additionally Hunter Farris from RCYC and youth from RCYC and FWBC helped with rigging and coaching (sailing with some of the less experienced kids). Hunter called it the Super Green Regatta. Opti sailors were split into 2 groups by the coaches. All sailors attended an in depth competitors' meeting, explaining the starts and courses.

In Opti Flight 1, Killian Baker finished 1st, Emma Winson was 3rd, Will Price 6th, Christa Hvidsten 7th, Gage Broberg 8th, Josh Draper 9th. In Opti Flight 2, Ethan Bieschke was 8th, Victoria Rhodes, 15th, and Andrea Goodart 16th (Victoria and Andrea had to leave at lunch time).

Laser finishes were: 1st Patrick Chester, 2nd Connor Basile, 3rd Anson Smith and 4th Jackson Mihm.

A big thanks goes out to the shore crew: Dennis Draper assisted with rigging and was the on hand for loading and unloading, Jennifer Killion managed lunch, assisted with registration, and Alanna Strong assisted with registration, and the brought in the snow-cone machine for after the races.

Despite the heat, the regatta was a big success

CSC Sailing Camps

On July 30th CSC Sailing Camp '10 officially came to an end. Coaches Gavin Rudolph, Chelsea Bethancourt, Masie Comen and Clinton Trammell taught 60 sailors how to sail or helped them improve their skills. Many new sailors have expressed an interest in taking their sailing to the next level and to start racing. Thanks to the coaches for another great year.

Race Seminar at CSC



Photo by Jeff Marosz

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CSC SOCIAL EVENTS UPDATE

Cynthia Hanifen

CSC Members enjoyed great weather for the 4th of July Celebration. We had a great crowd – close to 250 people with many new faces on the dock. The Intangibles set up shop under one of the big white tents and they sounded great. Bakers Ribs did an excellent job of catering the BBQ Dinner. They set everything up, served a big crowd of hungry sailors and made it look easy and very professional.

We had some good clean fun with the Dessert Competition. Kathy Harrington and Pat Diggins were indispensable as always. They did a great job of decorating the clubhouse and guarding the delicious dessert entries long enough for the judges to make their selections. Congrats to De McCombs for the winning dessert entry, Bart Buie for the Most Patriotic Boat, and Greg, the big guy in the American Flag Shirt for Most Patriotic Costume.

Kudos to the CSC Party Crew: Renee and Mark Pinkston, Terry Thoman and Rob Dorrell, Mike Mitch, Shari Krasner, Bill Cheek, Charles Salyards, Bill and Gina Wilson, Michelle Meyers, and a host of other good samaritans who hauled trash and put up tables and chairs and cleaned up the clubhouse. A secret shoutout to Professor Al who quietly worked his usual magic and had the clubhouse, and heads sparkling clean and the garbage cleared out the day before the party.



4th of July Celebration



Photos by Cindy Hanifen

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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. Lanther 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