THE MAIN SHEET CORINTHIAN SAILING CLUB

Page 1-Commodore's Letter Page 2-Sailing Instructions, Laser Fleet News Page 3-Membership News, Women on the Water, Davit Registrar Page 4-White Rock Lake Page 5-10th Annual Leukemia Cup Regatta Page 6-Flying Scot Mid-Winters Memoirs Page 7-Special Olympics Sailing, CSC Recycles Page 8-Education Page 9-Corinthian News, Annual Meeting News, Feb/March Board Recap Page 10-April Calendar TX

COMMODORE'S LETTER

Jim O'Connor

I am writing this on St. Patrick's Day and I'm thinking about that famous Welshman's experience with sailboats, some sixteen centuries ago. He was abducted and taken into slavery in one, across the Irish Sea, and later crossed forth and back to France. His sailboats would have been unhandy, damp, uncomfortable vessels, made at the dawn of the Dark Ages. Any trip out of sight of land involved taking your life in your hands. Faith and dead reckoning were all you had to rely on.

Think how much better we have it, in the early 21st Century. We are lucky enough to associate sailing with recreation and enjoyment rather than mortal danger and misery. And what a place we have to enjoy it at, at Corinthian Sailing Club!

2011 is shaping up to be a packed year at the club. I count 18 regattas at CSC on the <u>calendar</u> so far, including the four-day Champion of Champions Regatta in October, which will be a highlight of the whole year. Nineteen national champions in their class, plus one mystery guest, will compete, round-robin, over three days in Flying Scots, hosted by CSC.

White Rock Creek was dammed to form White Rock Lake in 1911 - the lake is a century old this year. Clicking on the text under the Centennial logo on the club's webpage takes you to the Centennial website and a calendar that lists literally dozens of events celebrating the Centennial. On the lake itself, CSC will be hosting the Centennial Sailing Clubs Open House and Wooden Boat Show on Saturday June 25th, while WRBC will be hosting a Centennial Regatta on Saturday May 21st.

We have a second anniversary in 2011: it's the 10th anniversary of the Leukemia Cup Regatta in N. Texas. Between DCYC and CSC we have raised about \$1m in the last decade. The centerboard regatta is at CSC on April 29th-May 1st, while the keelboat regatta is at DCYC on the following weekend.

Some housekeeping items: you can now pay your membership fees <u>online</u> via credit card, thanks to the efforts of Heidi Gough, Norm Grail, Frank Richards, and, especially, Lisle Eddy, who created the code and web page that allows it all to happen. You'll need to locate the invoice you received in the mail to get your member number so you can pay online.

Wednesday night sailing starts early this year, on April 13th – if you haven't tried coming out on Wednesday evenings in the last few years, consider giving it a try. It's more relaxed than Sunday racing and the weather is often very pleasant. We need volunteers to run the races on many of these Wednesdays. Check the <u>calendar</u> for open dates and contact <u>Bob Gough</u> if you can help out.

Finally Spruce up Day is on Saturday April 2nd. Please come down to the club to help spruce it up for the year – the work you do will count towards your eight service hours for the year. Breakfast and lunch will be provided.

Jim O'Connor CSC Commodore

THE MAIN SHEET

RACE

Bob Gough

2011 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Racing sailors do not read Sailing Instructions (SIs), so the fact that the SIs have <u>changed</u> will not affect most of us because we don't know what they used to say. While I am not encouraging any one to read them now, lest you become distracted from wind shifts, tactics and boat/sail trim, I will point out a few details.

- 1. The new SIs now look like the ones you see at a real regatta: they follow Appendix J and L.
- 2. We have dropped the Z mark which was rarely used and have made the offset mark optional on WL courses. If used, it will move with a change of the windward mark.
- 3. We now have a 90-minute time limit.
- 4. Arbitration has been dropped and a liability paragraph has been added.
- 5. The course diagram has changed but the courses are the same. If you have a printed copy of the course diagram, please correct course K to read START (3)-1-2-3-1-3-1-2-3-(1) FINISH.

Knowledge of SIs will not get you across the finish line first.

Arbitration is a great system for regattas and I like to see it used. In our series races we have so few protests and so few arbitrators that a full hearing would be more applicable. A DSQ can be a throwout in our scoring system, so losing the protest is not deadly. Protest more...we need the practice.

A <u>full copy of the revised SIs</u> can be found on the CSC website.

LASER FLEET NEWS

Norm Grail

The Laser Fleet held its annual meeting March 5th at Fleet Captain Mark Babb's home. Joined by Laser sailors, young and mostly old (it isn't for nothing we are nicknamed the Motrin Fleet) we were treated to dinner and refreshments before getting down to serious business.

- * We nominated and elected, Red Dog Style, Mike Hansen as the Fleet's new Captain-Elect. Mike is very enthusiastic and he and Mark will do a great job this year of tending to and babysitting this group of characters.
- * We set the date of the beginning of the Wednesday night Laser racing (and any other fleets wishing to join in the fun) as April 13th, running all the way through October 12th. Bob Gough and Jim O'Connor have graciously agreed to run the races for the first two weeks and are soliciting volunteers to assist for the rest of the season. Please contact Bob at Race@cscsailing.org or Norm at Membership@cscsailing.org to volunteer. It is great fun.
- * The CSC Laser Regatta was moved from a traditional September date to June 4th and 5th, hopefully to catch some wind and early-in-the-season enthusiasm from some out-of-towners.
- * Thanks to Forest Atkins, we now have two fleet boats. Anyone who wishes to give a Laser a whirl is welcome to join us. We have some great coaches!

Come join us and, if you don't sail, help run the races. Either way, it is great fun!

THE MAIN SHEET

MEMBERSHIP

Norm Grail

It never ceases to amaze me the things that one can get excited about. The onset of Spring, flowers, a fresh breeze, warm water, a real STATEMENT with the sailing club dues and fees already added for you, and being able to go to the CSC website to pay your annual dues and fees online with ease. Yep, it is hard to believe these things have all really happened.

Thank you to all of the members who have paid their annual membership dues and fees already and to everyone else, please do so before April 1st to avoid the \$100.00 late fee. We have made it easy for you this year: Go to www.cscsailing.org. Click on "Membership" in the left hand menu bar. Then, click on "Renewal On-Line Payment," input your Member Number (found on the upper left-hand corner of this year's statement) and voila! Up pops your total and you may proceed to pay using your favorite credit card. If you do not know your Member Number and/or have misplaced your statement, email me at Membership@CSCSailing.org and I will reply with your Member Number. There is no ducking it, no way around it, and no excuses for having to pay the darned late fee.

In all seriousness, CSC is comprised of a great group of people and some pretty good sailors, too. It is a pleasure to serve you. I wish you a great season, with some good sailing. If Membership should be doing something for you that is not being done now, please take a moment to let me know. Alhough, I do not scrub boats—any longer.

SAILING EDUCATION

 $W \cap W$

(Women on the Water)

WANTED: WOMEN SAILORS INTERESTED IN IMPROVING THEIR RACING SKILLS

This multi-faceted course is designed for women who have some racing experience, whether as a skipper or crew, to gain confidence and experience on the race course. The goal is to develop a group of CSC women sailors who would be capable of racing in the Adams Cup or other major all-women regattas. This will be a great opportunity to try out several different types of boats, learn (or re-learn) rules and tactics, practice starts, practice mark roundings, set a race course, understand sail trim and, review points of sail. There will be a nominal fee for this course and the informational meeting will be at 7 pm on April 7 at the CSC Clubhouse.

Lest you think it is all about sailing, we will also be engaging in fellowship at the after-practice pot-luck dinners. Please RSVP to Bowman O'Connor at bowman99@gmail.com.

DAVIT REGISTRAR

Forest Atkins

I have completed my March davit audit and have noted a number of issues. A few davit owners will be receiving notifications via email from me stating that the davit, boat or finger pier adjacent to the winch-wheel side has been found to be non-compliant with regard to CSC By-Laws. With membership renewals imminent, please contact me regarding your plan to remedy the noted issues to avoid a possible suspension proceeding stated under Article II Section 6 of the CSC By-Laws. I can be reached at 259ca-pri@tx.rr.com

Thank you.

THE MAIN SHEET

WHITE ROCK CENTENNIAL

Amanda Boerss



White Rock Lake is turning 100 years old this year on June 24, 2011. This Spring there will be a series of Centennial events in and around the lake to commemorate this milestone. For a complete list of events, sponsors, and projects, go to www.whiterockdallas.org. Centennial Programs range from a photo contest to a half marathon, Centennial Bike Ride, Family Fun Weekends, golf tournament, Historical Exhibit at North Park Mall, White Rock Lake Festival, Lakewood Stock, Rowing Sprint Championship, Carry the Load, Bass Fishing Tournament, Beach Party of the Century, and Centennial Concert at the Arboretum. All proceeds from official Centennial events will go to help fund capital improvements projects at the lake.

On Saturday June 25th CSC will hold the <u>Centennial Sailing Clubs Open House and Wooden Boat Show</u> in conjunction with White Rock Boat Club (WRBC). Approximately thirty restored wooden boats will be moored at the docks of CSC and WRBC. The Wooden Boat Association of North Texas is organizing the wooden boat side of the event with the help of the Southwest Chapter of Antique and Classic Boat Society, and a handful of individual wooden boat owners from around the southwest. The "Open House" part of the event will include a boat parade in the morning, a show of local fleet boats, sailboat rides, hot dogs and sodas, tee shirts, and a raffle for three hours of sailing instruction from Kelly Gough.

Another Centennial event of special interest to us is <u>The Centennial Regatta</u>, sponsored by White Rock Boat Club. The regatta is being held on Saturday, May 21, 2011. The NOR is available on the CSC website in the 'regatta notices' page. The goal is to get one hundred boats on the water, so plan to participate in this one-day, three-race event. WRBC intends to repair the boat launch area east of their club with the proceeds of their regatta. We are "100 and Rocking."

Corinthian Sailing Club will hold a <u>White Rock Lake 100th Birthday Party</u> for our membership and guests on Friday, June 24, 2011, so save the date. The birthday party is a club event, not a sanctioned White Rock Lake Centennial event.

THE MAIN SHEET

10TH ANNUAL LEUKEMIA CUP REGATTA

Alanna Strong

Corinthian Sailing Club, and their unique partnership with Dallas Corinthian Yacht Club, will host the 10th Annual Leukemia Cup Regatta. All centerboard boats and the Corinthian Fleet will sail at CSC on White Rock Lake on April 29-May 1, with DCYC hosting the Catamarans and keelboats May 6 -8, at Lake Lewisville. This year's event will coincide with the 100-year Anniversary of the creation of White Rock Lake.

All CSC members are encouraged to participate, whether by sailing (<u>registration</u> is now open on the CSC website, <u>www.cscsailing.org</u>) or by helping with the race committee, the auction or other fundraising efforts. Participants raising \$8,500 or more will qualify for a sailing program in New York sponsored by Gary Jobson, President of US Sailing and himself a Lymphoma survivor.

The festivities will begin Friday the 28th at 5:00 pm with entertainment by Jody Binford and his Jazz group. Pizza prepared by Nathan Burke and the Super Fly Pies Wood-Burning Oven, underwritten by Red Dog Jones, will be on hand and all club members are invited to come, bring guests, bring a bottle of wine and appetizers to share. There is also a rumor of a single malt scotch tasting. Small cash contributions to the Leukemia Cup fundraising efforts will be gladly accepted.

Racing will begin Saturday morning, followed by meals, live and silent auctions in the evening, music on the dock and war stories of the day's sailing. Last year's winds will certainly be remembered! Tickets are \$25/person for those not sailing. Sunday morning races will be followed by awards for the sailors around 1 pm.

Of special note, please be aware that there is another event at White Rock Lake this weekend. If you are unable to get through to the Club through the Mockingbird entrance, the City of Dallas has advised that the Bath House entrance to the east of the club, on Buckner, will be opened for our event.

The Leukemia Cup raises funds and awareness for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society of North Texas. Their research and development on a national level has provided advancements and, in many cases, cures for these blood borne cancers. Members should be very proud to know that CSC, through the Leukemia Cup, is among the top ten national leaders in fundraising for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. Nationally, the Leukemia Cup Regattas have raised \$35 million. Locally, we have raised close to \$1 million.

It is not too late to help with the Auction. Please contact Ann Ramsey at ann.m.ramsey@gmail.com for information on how to donate items. For other information on how to help with this year's Leukemia Cup, please contact Dave Butler at dbutler4@mac.com, Debbie Adams at dsadams123@sbcglobal.net, Ralph C. "Red Dog" Jones at lawdog@ralphcreddogjones.com or Libby Reding at Libby.reding@lls.org or 972/996-5928.

Please help.

THE MAIN SHEET

2011 FLYING SCOT MID-WINTER MEMOIRS

Forest Atkins

Wow. What a long drive, but worth every second.

The 2010 Mid-Winters in New Orleans was the first national event for my son, Sam, and myself. Thanks to a recent refurbishment of our Scot by Greg Olsen, a fresh set of Billy sails and gifts from Harry Carpenter and Scott Mauney, we finished pretty well in the Championship fleet. As soon as Sam heard that the 2011 event was to be in Sarasota, close to extended family, he was quick to strongly recommend our participation. Not even married yet and he was working on kitchen passes…that's my son!

A year later we find ourselves driving non-stop to Tampa, all day Friday, mostly in the rain, for the Davis Island warm-up regatta. We got there at 1 am and crashed at the hotel till 7 am, rushing to DIYC to rig, launch and race. It's blowing 18-20+. There was no time to fine-tune or clean off the bottom road grime, we just went.

Sailing out to the course, we sheeted in the main to go upwind for the first time and POW, there went that outhaul swage that we "fixed" a few weeks back. Slumping down in the seat, I collected my thoughts for a few moments, looked up and said "take down the sails, we're gonna fix it with some short line ... there's plenty of water to drift around in". Miraculously, we were able to do just that with time to spare, finishing 3rd out of 30 boats in the first race close to Robbie Brown and Jeff Linton. That definitely helped our mood.

I could hear Richard Wade's words, "Man, yer gonna need a ball swage on that outhaul cable." Luckily for us, it just so happened that Harry had one in his truck.

After all was said and done, we wound up 10th after finishing the sole Sunday race in 25+ wind gusts. We had decided to go in and not do a second race right before the R/C did the same. Beating most of the fleet back to the hoist is good.

Back on shore we packed up, ate lunch through the awards presentation, met and talked with Jamey Rabbit's folks, and then headed south to Sarasota, stopping at a rest area just short of the Sunshine Skyway Bridge to watch dozens of kiteboarders at an adjacent beach. They can't point or tack, but they sure are fast.

We were appropriately impressed by the beautiful surroundings, turquoise-tropical water, extensive complex of buildings (more CSC-like than Southern YC), omnipresent nesting ospreys, scrillions of Optis-Lasers-420s and friendly, supportive folks everywhere.

Monday's schedule had a mid-afternoon practice race, so we had time that morning to go through the boat, clean the bottom and fix that outhaul again. Winds were a moderate 12-15, we got a pretty good start, and stayed in phase to finish 3rd. Sam expressed concern that perhaps we had used up all of our luck. I'm becoming convinced that he's clairvoyant.

Tuesday began with moderate winds, but they died as the day went on. So did our performance. Well, mine did at least, tactically speaking. We ended up 18th after day one ... ouch. We were having a great time though. There was plenty of food and generous hospitality provided by SSS. I think we bought three meals all week.

Wednesday was semi-nukin' at 20-25. The Race Committee held 3 races which we survived and improved to 17th. Many chose not to race. Sam did a stellar job with spinnaker handling despite the high wind. Jibes, no problem. Pole-off jibe and weather drop at the last second close to the mark, no problem. Jib trim was constantly right and adjusted for the changing conditions. He sure made it easy.

Thursday and Friday wound up being much the same story. Our favorite forecast website <u>SailFlow.com</u> called for 12-15mph, but they were 25-30mph just offshore in the Gulf. Sure enough, both days these high winds moved and racing was cancelled. On Friday morning, we got to SSS, prepped the boat to race with Sam saying, "Those high winds are gonna move in again. If we pack up now, we can make the club race at home Sunday." Sam, the clairvoyant, struck again, as that was pretty much how it turned out. The R/C cancelled 45 minutes later. So we packed, ate the best left-overs ever during the awards ceremony and headed home. We rested Saturday and sure enough we were back to CSC harassing Richard and the Scot fleet on Sunday.

The lasting memories more than offset the long drive. Beautiful water, the great city of Sarasota, pulling our boat through the busy and stylish shopping area called St. Armands Square, great club facilities, observing the constantly cruising nesting ospreys, large number of entries: 63 (42 Champ, 23 Challenger), getting Kelly'd by the Eagans and most of all meeting or reconnecting with old and new friends like Jeff and Amy Linton, John and Karen Rabbit, Bob New, the Eagans, Rob Tikoff and Andy Gardner who are from Cowan Lake where I grew up), John Domagala, Bill Robertson and Bob Ives from Chattanooga, Ron Pletch (who had many interesting features on his boat), Jay Lott and many others. We had too much fun and definitely plan to return.

THE MAIN SHEET

2011 SPECIAL OLYMPICS SAILING COACH

You might know Anderson Jones, but what you might not know is that Special Olympics of Texas has selected Anderson Jones to participate as a sailing coach at the 2011 Special Olympics World Summer Games in Athens, Greece, from June 25-July 4, 2011.

This international event will draw Special Olympians from all over the world to compete in various sports. Anderson will coach and sail with Special Olympian Curtis Brown. Curtis is from Duncanville, Texas, and has been involved with the Special Olympics for more than 10 years. He has been active on his high school sailing team and plans on graduating from Duncanville High School this year.

Anderson Jones has been a life-long member of the Corinthian Sailing Club at White Rock Lake. In his free time, he has raced Flying Scots, Vanguard 15s and many different boats in regattas throughout Texas and other states. He has taught sailing and been involved with the Special Olympics for more than six years, and through that involvement he has learned about teamwork and how his efforts can pay off.

Anderson looks forward to representing Texas Special Olympics with his teammate, Curtis, in this summer's games in Greece. Anderson says, "The Special Olympics has had such a positive impact on my life. Volunteering for Special Olympics has taught me patience, and it has given me an opportunity to help others and to give back."

The World Games are held every two years in different locations, and they alternate between Summer and Winter Games. At the 2011 World Summer Games in Athens, there will be 7,500 athletes, 2,500 coaches, 25,000 volunteers, 3,000 event officials, 40,000 Special Olympics families, and hundreds of thousands of fans in attendance!

Anderson has committed to raising funds for his Special Olympian teammate's trip to Greece, His personal goal is to raise \$2,350. If you would like to make a personal donation or just learn more about Special Olympics, visit <u>Anderson's Special Olympics website</u>.

CSC RECYCLES

Shelley Roberts

CSC RECYCLES! Our club recycling efforts have been going well - but we need your help. As many of you know, we have four recycling bins throughout the club. Two are at the club-house, one is at the north entrance and one is at the VIP. We will work on getting at least two more very soon. We all can make a difference in this endeavor. Our busiest season is here! That means more trash and more opportunities to recycle! If you see the bins are full, please help by taking time to empty them. The full blue bags can be placed outside the club entrances by the trash cans. We try to keep spare blue bags with the recycle bins, however if you need bags they are in the tack room in the second metal storage unit.

Shoreline Cleanup is the second Saturday of every month. Mark your Calendars to join us on April 9th in the morning!

A special thank you to Jim Walsh for recently volunteering his time! If you have questions about how you can help please let us know. Alvin Skelton 214.564.0104 or awskelton@gmail.com / Shelley Roberts 214.901.4879 or srob2007@yahoo.com.

THE MAIN SHEET

CSC EDUCATION

Renee Comen

Youth Race Team News

Spring is a busy time of year for youth sailing in Texas. The racing season began in February, but practice has been ongoing throughout the winter. Masie and Aaron Comen headed down to Austin Yacht club for the second TSA regatta of the season only to be blown out on Saturday followed by no racing on Sunday due to lack of wind. Several CSC sailors will be heading to Lake Canyon on March 19th and 20th for their annual Spring Fling Regatta. Expected to sail are: Tyler Killion, Aaron Comen, Ben Lipari, Austin Meyer, Andrew Meyer, Christa Hvidsten, and Ethan Bieschke.

CSC will host the 4th TSA circuit stop with the "Rock the Rock" Regatta, April 9-10. Volunteers for race committee and other areas are always appreciated, for info email ed@cscsailing.org.

Youth Summer Sailing Classes

We are happy to announce that all our coaches from last year will be returning for the 2011 camps. We look forward to Gavin Rudolph, Chelsea Bethancourt, Masie Comen, and Clinton Trammell leading another great year. Dates for summer classes have been set and registration will open soon. The dates are as follows:

June 6-17 Session I 9:00- 2:00: General Camp 2:30-6:30: Teen Camp

June 19-July 1 Session II 9:00-2:00: General Camp 2:30-6:30: Race Camp

July 18-29 Session III 9:00-2:00: General Camp

Adult Classes

We will be setting dates soon for the adult education classes.

THE MAIN SHEET

CORINTHIAN FLEET ONE NEWS

Mike Krasner

Hang Ten Regatta, Saturday, March 26, 2011

We had our first Regatta of 2011 and it was great! The wind blew southwest shifting to northwest at 19 mph, gusting to 29. There were 9 boats on the starting line and with 8 starts, we got a lot of practice. Richard Wade even offered up some coaching on the starts! We would like to thank everyone who helped make this event happen, especially Bill Wilson the PRO, Norm Grail on the Rescue Boat and, Shelley Roberts and Laurie Block for the food and refreshments. Ken Brown won, followed by Mac McCoy and Gina Wilson.

ANNUAL MEETING NEWS

- * Education reported a successful year with returning coaching and staff.
- * Membership reported 320 members.
- * Entertainment reported many successful parties.
- * Treasurer reported increase in Club treasury.
- * Race Vice Commodore hosted many regattas.
- * Pier Rear Commodore reported much progress on the rebuilding of the docks and replacement of pipes.
- * CSC Bylaws, Article II, Section 10 amended.
- * New Board unanimously elected.
- * Jim O'Connor awarded Norm Watkins Award.
- * Louis "Peg Leg" Rodencal awarded Ed Lockey Old Salt Award.
- * Bill Wilson presented with CSC Burgee for outstanding service as Commodore.

FEBRUARY/MARCH BOARD MEETING RECAP

- * Set dues and fees for 2011.
- * Set the 2011 Budget.
- * Reviewed Sailing Instruction.
- * Established Calendar.
- * Reviewed plans for VIP improvement.
- * Spruce-up Day planning.
- * Splash Day planning.
- * White Rock Lake Centennial Update
- * Champion of Champions Regatta update and planning.

THE MAIN SHEET

APRIL CALENDAR

April 2 Spruce-up Day. 9 am until it is done. Come one, come all. April 3 Splash Day 1 pm Blessing of the Fleets by Burton Shepherd.

After the races, food and refreshments by the Laser Fleet.

April 9 Second Saturday Shoreline Cleanup.

April 9-10 TSA Rock the Rock Regatta.

April 13 Wednesday evening races begin, 6:30 pm start. April 16 Corinthian Fleet Captain's Challenge Regatta.

April 16 SMU Women's 420 Regatta.

April 29-May 1 10th Annual Leukemia Cup Regatta.

THE MAIN SHEET

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 <u>secretary@cscsailing.org</u>. If you prefer, call Alanna Strong at 214/926-8722 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 <u>secretary@cscsailing.org</u>.

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

CSC MAIN SHEET 441 E. Lawthre Drive Dallas, Texas 75218

«AddressBlock»