

Black Hills Sailing



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Fall 2005

Commodore's Corner



My term as commodore ends this month and I wonder "...how can we get more people to attend..." I tend to worry about this less than perhaps others, although at the beginning of my term I thought it was very important, so much so that I wondered whether it should be the metric

by which my stint at Commodore should be judged. The truth is we all have busy lives and when a BHSa activity coincides with both our availability and interest we attend. For Marlene and me, BHSa is a social club with a nautical theme. We enjoy the people we meet, and it's them that draws us to BHSa events. So back to the question of how to get more people to attend. Getting folks to attend the first time is easy, and we see that with initial membership signups, but getting them to attend future activities is very dependent on whether they connected with another couple during their initial encounters with BHSa. We've met some really nice people we look forward to seeing the next time. Be it sharing snacks and conversation together as we recline in our boats cockpit or enjoying the hospitality of another couple as we sit in their boat's cockpit, it's the social aspects of the association that draws people to events.

Boy, summer sure went fast, didn't it? Did you use your boat as much as you wanted to? Did you have relaxing sails and invite along friends? Did you learn new skills and have any "Ah ha, so that's how that works!" experiences?

Past Commodore Scot

Commodore
Brian Dail
Vice Commodore
Brian Killion
Port Captain
Dave Roth
Secretary/Treasure
Karen Hartley
Race Comm. Chair
Dik Dalquist
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Susie Menard
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The annual membership and election of officer meeting held on 12 November 2005, was a great success. This was one of the highest, if not the highest, turnout of members for an event in the fleet's history. The fleet extends its thanks to Steve and Jan for hosting the event. I would also

like to extend my thanks and appreciation for a job well done to the outgoing officers for all their efforts on the behalf of the fleet.

Scott Dannenbring Commodore
Dave Roth Vice Commodore
Karen Hartley Sec/Treasure
Paul Menard Race Committee Chairman
(plus all those who helped Paul)
Susie Menard Newsletter
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Now to congratulate, I think, the new officers for the upcoming year

Brian Dail Commodore
Brian Killion Vice Commodore
Karen Hartley Sec/Treasure
Dik Dalquist Race Committee Chairman
Dave Roth Port Captain
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AH, you say, there is a new position for the upcoming year. Yes, you are absolutely right, Port Captain. The duties and responsibilities of the Port Captain are to assist the Commodore as required, and to attend to the needs and welfare of the fleet ashore. What this really amounts to is that the Port Captain is the OIC in charge of planning parties. To that purpose I believe Dave Roth comes to us with the highest of qualifications.

The officers will be meeting in the very near future to plan a tentative schedule of events for the upcoming year. It is our plan to have the full schedule of events ready to be published in the winter newsletter.

B.Dail
Commodore



CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS:
SIX PEOPLE ARE NEEDED TO HELP TEACH BASIC SAILING FOR COMMUNITY ED. IN THE SPRING. TALK TO THE COMMODORE.

HOLLY LEMAY HAS VOLUNTEERED TO ASSIST THE PORT CAPTAIN. THANKS!



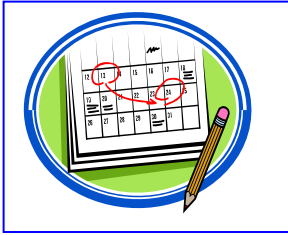
Thanks to Karen and Bruce Hartley for hosting the Labor Day Picnic and for all who helped.

Thanks to Steve and Jan Mangelsen for hosting the Annual Meeting.



To Committee Boat Volunteers:
Bruce Hartley
Sarah Danner
Greg Simpson
Young Paul Menard

New Members:
Carter & Anne Taylor



January 21st, 1PM, Dry Dock Party at Loretta Muehl's in Custer. More info to come.

March 18th St. Patrick's Day Party at Sarah Danner's in Hot Springs. More info to come.

Spring Community Ed. Basic Sailing Course. We need six people to volunteer to instruct this course. Contact Brian Dail.

Racing

Race Results:

Labor Day Regatta 1st place to *Kestrel* (Paul Menard); 2nd place to *Northern Girl* (Steve Mangelsen); 3rd place to *Kokopelli* (Sarah Mangelsen)

September 25: 1st place *Kestrel* (Menard); 2nd place *Caliente* (Dalquist); 3rd place *Time Lapse* (Bathurst)

October 15: 1st place *Starshine* (Jeffries); 2nd place *Kestrel* (Menard); 3rd place *Tequila Maria* (Roth)

Please see the "Racing" link on the website for more details of the above races.

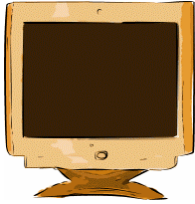
Thanks to Paul Menard, outgoing Race Committee Chair, and all those who helped set buoys and staff the committee boat.

Dik Dalquist is heading up the Race Committee for 2006. Volunteer committee members are Steve Mangelsen, Mary & Dave Roth, Brian Killion, and Paul Menard.



Jim and Joan Bathurst's *Time Lapse* (now named *Cat's Pajamas*) on a late summer trip to the Tetons.

Photo by Jim Bathurst



Brian Killion will be the new webmaster. Thank you **Paul Menard** for setting up the website and updating it for the past year.

The Treasure Chest



In this area, we will be asking members to contribute stories (true or not?), memories, or information about themselves so we may get to know one another better.

We Got the Sailing Bug

I got my first taste of sailing a number of years ago when I ran across a small notice in the local newspaper. It was late August or early September and it read “Anyone interested in learning to Sail, come to Angostura Saturday morning for a small shore class and a chance to ride on a Sail Boat”...

My wife was working, my son wanted to play with his friends, so my daughter Karin was the only one in the family to come along and give it a try. I think she was seven or eight years old at the time. Denny Stuck was the instructor. Dan and Tina Mullally were there along with Steve and Jan Mangelson. After the class, Dan and Tina took Greg Olson, Karin and I for a ride. The winds were strong and gusty, great for a first sail. Dan, Greg and I took turns at the tiller with Karin and Tina on the foredeck. Tina had Karin giggling every time we dunked the rail in the water... Karin loved sailing...

That ride was all it took, we got the sailing bug. Now Karin and I had to convince the rest of the family that we needed a boat. My wife Geri was very skeptical and thought that a power boat would be more fun. My son Erik agreed with the powerboat idea.

Several years passed until I came across the answer, a powersailer known as the Macgregor 26X... The entire family agreed to try it.

After nearly two seasons of sailing and motoring the “X”, we decided that we sailed much more than motored. After sailing on nearly every brand of boat in the fleet we decided the “X” had several things that we liked and some that we didn’t like.



Things like too much plastic inside, too much freeboard, not enough convenient storage, and narrow foredeck and just too tender in gusty winds or rough water. The “X” was great getting in and out of the Marina with the fifty horse motor tied to twin rudders and controlled with a wheel rather than a tiller. Sailing, the wheel had no feel and was difficult to hold on course. The long Cockpit was nice for seating, but lacked lazaretts for storage. The taller stance in the water made heeling feel more like tipping over than heeling. The six feet of headroom in the cabin was nice though.

Even though we have only been out with the Schock three times now, it’s surprising the differences in the two boats. The tiller has great feel and control. The low stance and wider beam makes the boat much stiffer. I’m sure the lead keel has a lot to do with that too. Sail controls are much better for shaping sails. When a gust of wind hits, the boat heels and then pulls you back as it lunges forward and you pickup speed. The interior, though much smaller has a traditional layout and much better use of space. The V berth is large enough for two and the single berths in the main cabin work for the kids. Being a woodworker, I really like the Schock’s teak interior. Much better than the bleach bottle look of the “X”...



All in all, we really like the Schock, but I’m glad we owned the Macgregor 26X first. It really did help us decide what was right for us...

Dik Dalquist

To contribute articles or information for the newsletter please contact Loretta Muehl or Susie Menard