



Nearly-Spring 2009 Newsletter

Hello everyone-

Winter will not seem to let us go from its icy grip. So, while the snow flies outside, I decided to take this opportunity to sit in front of my computer and create a “nearly-spring” newsletter.

With Holly’s help, I have compiled a list of events that will be happening this sailing season. The lake is 67.3% full as of today and looks like it will be a good year. The sailing events are as follows (these can also be found on our website – <http://www.blackhillsailing.com/events.aspx>) :

Unknown Date

“Get your boat in the water weekend”. Let me know when you are considering getting your boat in the lake and for those interested, we can try to get as many to put in as possible on the same weekend. I am planning on putting in the weekend after Easter weather permitting.

May 8

Race Day? - Your thoughts on this please...

This is when we would have a race (during the full moon). However, with Memorial Day Weekend being in the same month I am asking for a show of hands... should we race this weekend or on Memorial Day Weekend?

This is a mostly full moon weekend so be ready for night sailing!

Memorial Day Race Weekend – May 22, 23, 24 & 25

Race Day? – See above question – May 8

June 5 – 7

Race weekend – mostly full moon weekend also

July 10 - 12

Jimmy Buffett extravaganza party. Music, food, boats and friends! There are on-the-water activities planned however, no official race is scheduled

August 7 – 9

- Escape the Rally Night Sail. No race scheduled.
- Trans Ran 2009 – Invitational river race near Fort Randall. See attachment. If interested, I have registration forms available.

Labor Day Weekend

Race weekend / Labor Day Regatta

Impromptu races can be held if the wind is right on any given weekend.

Other events that we would like to offer but have not yet scheduled are listed below. Please send me an email and let me know if you would or would not attend any of them.

- **A Watiki Water Park dry dock party**
- **Certified Basic Keelboat class**

Dave and Mary Roth have met a guy who travels around giving certified Basic Keelboat classes. If we had enough interest, he would set up shop here in the hills and put on a class. Those who take the class would be certified in Basic Keelboat. For all of you who would like to get this certification, please send me an email and let me know your interest level. The class is not expensive and is less expensive with more people taking it.

Fall dry dock party at Steve's Garage – This is to be scheduled soon!

If I have missed anything please let me know and I will get the info out to the rest of the fleet.

We are not holding community education classes this year. However, I would encourage everyone to invite a new person along to any of our events to allow us to hook them into sailing. I am also looking for volunteers who would take past community education class members for a sail to show them the basics or just have fun.

New Boats

Scot and Marlene Dannenbring have purchased a new Catalina 22 which they have named *Compass Rose*.

Mary and Dave Roth have purchased a Catalina 25 named *Get Away*.

Steve and Jan Mangelson have brought home a Catalina 28 named *Misty*. While this happened last season, it is a new boat in Angostura this year.

New Members

We have no new members yet but Nate Varlick and his wife are planning to join.

25th Anniversary

TRANS RAN 2009

Notice of Race

August 8, 2009

Lake Francis Case, Fort Randall Dam, South Dakota

Race will start at 9:00 am CDT, Saturday, August 8th. and continue until the race is completed.

Skippers meeting will be held at 8:00 am.

Trophies will be awarded.

A course of 42 miles will be set. The start and finish will be from the ramp area near the Fort Randall Boat Club (mile 881). We will sail to a mark and return.

This race is limited to: Division 1; displacement cruiser sailboats with an overall length of 18 feet or longer.
Division 2; multihulls of a type that may safely complete the race course

Pre-registration is **required**.
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