

Black Hills Sailing



Black Hills Sailing Association

Spring 2006

Commodore's Corner



Well the season is nearly upon us. If you're like me it's kinda like, "wow, I'm not ready"...it seems like it sneaks up on ya every year, even though you know is coming. Water levels are not what we would like to see, but there is some hope for an above average spring rainfall. I've had some recent conversations with Chris Orr, local weather forecaster regarding what he expects for this spring. His prediction and he said I could quote him on this, is that there will be above average rainfall in late April through May - perhaps as much as an inch above normal. Well time will tell.

Races, Dik has got a good schedule of races for the summer. So it might be a good time to refresh everyone's memories on certain aspects of racing. Protests, ah the "p" word, if you are going to lodge a protest, here are the ground rules:

1. All protests filed or registered must be accompanied by a minimum case of beer or suitable single malt scotch.
2. Any protest not adhering to the above will be summarily dismissed as a protest lacking merit for consideration.
3. An ad hoc protest committee will be drawn from the membership as required.
4. A decision from the protest committee, on the merits of a protest, could be rendered in less than a minute or never, depending on the quality and/or quantity of the beer or scotch.
5. The findings of the protest committee are iron clad, cast in stone and not subject to review, appeal or reversal.
6. Anyone who files a protest and chooses to be represented by legal counsel shall be further penalized and a yet to be determined amount of beer or single malt scotch shall be required before any further proceeding shall commence. An exception to the above shall be granted in the case of one represented by a duly noted and recognized "sea lawyer".

The point of all that is this; we are racing for the fun, fellowship and skill building, don't get too wrapped up in the fine points and details. Have fun, enjoy the chance to get out and sail.

Sailing classes will soon be upon us. A slate of intrepid dispensers of nautical knowledge has once again stepped up to the plate to impart their vast, if somewhat questionable knowledge, to a fresh crop of nautical newbies. We currently have 10 people signed up and hope to have 12 to 15 by class time. So if you know anyone interested, please encourage them to sign up. This class has been our best source of new members and we need to keep them coming.

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Basic Sailing Classes begin May 10, at the Career Learning Center.

Contact Brian Dail to attend or assist.

Sarah Danner, thank you for hosting the annual St. Patty's Party!

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will be used for radio communications this year.

Racing

May 21st is our first scheduled race event. This will be the Mothers Day race and boats skippered by Mothers will be exempt from the five-dollar entry fee...

The five-dollar entry fee is something new for the 2006 race season. The fees collected will go towards The Admiral's Cup Trophy and Burgee.

The Admiral's Cup is a traveling Trophy and Burgee that will be awarded at the end of the season. The winner of the 2006 season will be presented with the Trophy at the annual meeting and will fly the Burgee on their boat during the 2007 season. The winner will be based upon points accumulated during the racing season. Points will be awarded to the boat, not the skipper... Three points for a first place finish. Two points for second place. One point for third.

One half point will be awarded just for participating. Individuals volunteering for Committee Boat will receive three points as well. This will be allowed one time per race season only.

Dik Dahlquist, Race Committee Chair



May 10, 17, 24, 7PM to 9PM, Basic Sailing Classes.

May 21, Mothers' Day Race

June 3, Club trip to Glendo, WY

June 18, Fathers' Day Race

July 8, Island Race with Buffett Party following at Breakers, 6PM.

July 29, Club trip to Yankton, SD

August 12, August Races

September 3, Labor Day Regatta

September 23, Last Race

The Treasure Chest



This section contains two items of interest.

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Editors' note: Upon learning that Jim and Joan Bathurst would be leaving the area, we thought it would be nice to include some information about their plans. We contacted them and this is their reply.

Here's our plan: I like to say, "We are homeless and unemployed." Joan prefers to word it, "We are down to one house and have given our notice for retirement." Our home, studio building, and business have been sold, but we will be staying on for a couple months to transition the new owner and his staff. By July, we hope to be heading back to Texas with some personal items left after we have emptied the house. Anyone want to buy some really nice furniture? We'll make you a heck of a deal! ;-) We have a nice Saab turbo convertible that is going to need to find a new home, too.

After the quick trip to Texas, we are heading to the Pacific Northwest. Our new boat is supposed to be completed in late July to early August. A couple weeks of shaking down the new boat in the Puget Sound area is the plan. The factory assures us that anything that needs to be "addressed" will be taken care of right away. Then the long haul back to deep south Texas, with a side trek through Arizona to see our daughter and son-in-law. Maybe some time at Lake Powell or the Sea of Cortez?

If we time it all right, hurricane season should be about done. Assuming there is still a house on the canal for us to live in, we will start setting the boat up for some longer traveling. Our long range plans include some extended time in the Florida Keys and the Bahamas and then up the East Coast to start "the Great Loop."

We want to thank all our friends in the sailing club for your encouragement on this adventure. We were really concerned that our sailing buddies (here and in Texas) would "shun" us and feel we have gone to "the dark side." We should have known better - sailing folks are the best. We will be keeping the SunCat for day sailing and some towing/traveling. The Corsair is at the boat dealer's right now and there have been a LOT of inquiries; he doesn't expect it to last long. It is a great boat and we will really miss her... but we are excited about having more amenities as we start this next chapter.

We hope to have wireless broadband (where available) on the boat, so we can stay in touch. If you have any "must see" places along our route, please let us know. We have started a file and are looking forward to seeing America's waterways with no schedule other than the seasons. We will carry with us our fond memories of times with the great people of the Black Hills Sailing Association; thank you, friends... we look forward to the time our wakes will cross again.

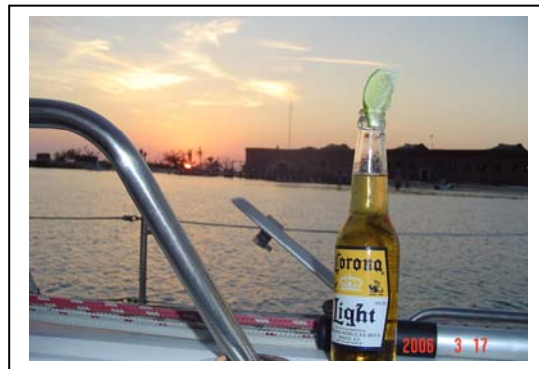
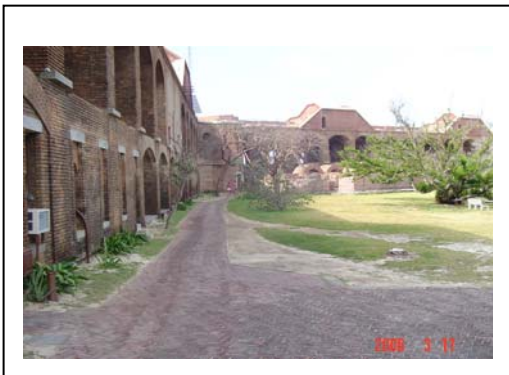
Best wishes,
Jim & Joan Bathurst

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Four Men and a Boat



From March 14-21, Steve Mangelsen, Jeremy Walla, Dave Roth, & Brian Killion chartered a 41' Hunter out of Key West (Florida Yacht Charters). After a day and a half of sailing, Dry Tortugas National Park was reached. One day was spent snorkeling around an 1830's shipwreck and visiting Fort Jefferson. With the exception of the first and last nights of the trip, they anchored out near Woman Key, Dry Tortugas, Boca Grande, & Pine Key.



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