

Black Hills Sailing



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Summer 2006

Commodore's Corner



Well-let's start out on a high note...the Jimmy Buffett, parrothead, talk like a pirate was great. The race prior to the party was probably one of the most fun races the club has ever run. A duff of the hat and a hardy "well done" to the Port Captain Dave Roth, Race Committee Chair Dik Dahlquist, Fleet Secretary and Treasurer Karen Hartley, and to the fleet band. The big question now is how are they going to top this year's production.... Well not to worry, plans are already being discussed to make next year even bigger and better. For now the plans are under tight wraps and cannot be discussed in public. All those involved have taken an oath of silence under penalty of excommunication and other dire consequences that would make the weak lose sleep at night. We promise to share and tease with hints of what is to come as the time approaches for the big event.

We are fast approaching the time of the annual meeting and the election of officers. For those who have delusions of greatness, please consider running for one of the elected offices in the club.

Now for the low note: The water level is lower than most of us would have imagined last May. We again, this year, had a front row seat to witness the BOR's stellar performance in the concept of management by failure. One would certainly have to give them high marks for their consistent achievements in this arena.

As a result of the low water level we will suspend the race schedule for the remainder of the year. We will also suspend the awarding of the Admiral's Cup flag and trophy for 2006. We found that in addition to the impact of the water levels there were a number of questions, rules, and procedures that need to be addressed.

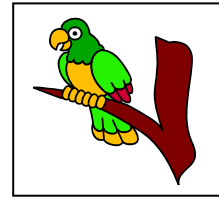
But, all the news isn't bad: We still have the Fleet Night at the German Tent coming up. A new event, the Fleet Congratulation Party. And the Annual Meeting. Details on each of these events will be forthcoming in the near future.

So for now, enjoy what remains of the season and hope for better sailing days ahead.

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Karen's Korner: Island Race and Buffett Party



If you were too busy to be at Angostura on July 8th, you missed a great day! I think there were thirteen boats on the water that day.

Each team started at the dock with 4 numbered water balloons that needed to be exchanged with other teams on other boats. The course covered the whole lake with the usual buoys to round. However, each team accumulated points for tasks performed. These tasks included returning to the dock with 4 water balloons, rescuing a man-over-board, navigating the straits, sand from Pig Beach and finding a pirate flag.

As you can see this was no *normal* race. This was a poker run, skills, and scavenger race. Even a little mutiny against Capt. Roth and his crew occurred just before heading back to the dock, aka a water fight at "Pirate Flag Beach."

For each task completed, a card was drawn to determine the poker hand for the captain of each boat. Prizes were awarded for top points and the lowest at the Jimmy Buffett Party. Perdues earned a fancy cooler. Chuck Weichler & crew on *Kestrel* won a pirate burgee. Bruce Hartley came away with the club ball-cap. Next time you see Scot, ask to see his new outfit. Also ask Dik if he ever retrieved what he lost at the pre-race day event.

Dik D. and Dave R. are already making plans for next year. A big challenge because this year was great!!!! Everyone had a blast from young to old. These guys deserve a big **THANK YOU**.

The day continued with the Buffett Party and special invites. The Parrot Club attended with their parrots, adding yet another special touch for the day.

Editors' note: The Buffett Party was a great success, the kids enjoyed a treasure hunt and dancing. Many Thanks to Mike & Holly Lemay, Pete Roth, Brian Killion for providing music.

Beware! Since the party there has been an invasion of fuzzy red pirates!



August 24, 6:30 PM, German Tent at Central States Fair
(Roths will try to have a table reserved)

September Races will not be held due to low water level.

September 9, Fleet Celebration Party/Picnic in Rapid City. Details will be mailed.

October 14, Annual Meeting at Mangelsen's



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:

**DIANA BADER
BARB MELLOR**

Thank you Jeremy Walla, our new Honorary Member, for donating burgers for the Buffett Party.

Channel 68
Could not be used for radio communications this year. We have reverted back to Channel 18.

Racing

Dik Dahlquist, Race Committee Chair

Race Results:

May 21, 2006: 1st *Heliotrope*
2nd *Kestrel*
3rd *Excel*
Committee boat: Denny & Dave S.

June 18, 2006: 1st *Kestrel*
2nd *Thunder Road*
3rd *Blue Agave*
Comm. boat: Loretta M. & Jan M.

July 8, 2006: Island Race & Buffett Party, see "Karen's Korner." Thanks to everyone that joined and enjoyed the Buffet race and fun day at the lake. I think it was a great day...

Per the Commodore: There will be no more official races this season and no Commodore's Cup. Ad hoc races may be held as water and boats permit.



DOG DAYS OF SUMMER

Photo by: Matt Gross

The Treasure Chest



Introduction to Captain Jim's Sailing Stories:

There must have been a sailor in the wood pile.... Just where I got the sailing bug in my jeans, I'll never know, but I have definitely found a life-long hobby and ambition in sailing. When I was a kid, we had a cabin on a lake in eastern South Dakota and spent almost every weekend swimming, motor boating or water skiing. In my senior year of High School I enjoyed racing Class D hydroplanes and making a lot of noise and tearing up the lake early in the morning, much to the dismay of everyone within earshot. It wasn't until a friend of mine gave me a ride on a Sunfish in central Kansas that I found that going fast, making noise and wasting gas was not the way to go. That was the summer of 1965 and I haven't gone back to power since.

My boats have been few. A 16' catamaran named "What?" A 23' Aquarius named "After You". A 23' Gulf Coast named "Mathusillias". And the 2nd Love of my life, a 27' US Yacht named "Do Not Disturb". Add in a multitude of charter and guest boats and I find myself with a delicious mix of sailing experience that I wouldn't give up for all the power boats in the world. Although I've been seen at the helm of some very nice power cruisers.

I will use this fun forum to relay several of the adventures and lessons I've experienced and attempt to base all on the absolute fact (as I recall). One of the fun things about sailing and sailors is that we all have stories that are fun to share. Send your yarns and we can make the BHSC newsletter a fun rag to settle down with and wish we were there or be able to offer great advice.

"Capt. Jim" Muchow & Tineke
s.v. Do Not Disturb

Story One - The Pieperrace

Each year in late April out of the port of Volendam in the Netherlands several old and restored sailing vessels ranging from 36' to 115' get together for a weekend of racing and mostly partying. This collection of beautiful old ships and their crews are celebrating the Pieperrace (which translates to the Potato Race).





During the Potato Famine in the 1800's the Dutch would bring boats of food and potatoes from the Netherlands and France up the coast and across the English Channel to Ireland and Scotland. It got to be a bit of a challenge to see how quickly the trip could be accomplished and became a bit of a race between skippers. About 40 years ago, it became fashionable to restore and rebuild several of these sailing barges and clipper barges to their original splendor. Today, there are about 200 restored throughout Holland, Germany and France. The Pieperrace draws 40 to 50 boats each year for a weekend of partying, good food, good drink and unbelievable sailing the way it was done hundreds of years ago.

Several boats are chartered as was our 112' clipper barge and manned by volunteers, family and friends. Our boat came with our skipper and his first mate along with another regular crew member who was also the cook. Our crew consisted of the GOOI Rugby Club. One of the oldest rugby clubs in the Netherlands and the home of Tineke who has been the club's secretary for almost 20 years. A crew of 28 with only 6 who had any sailing experience much less racing knowledge. The Rugby Club guys were willing to do whatever we asked but were well into the beer by 09:00. (It's one of the rules of the race).



It was like stepping into a time machine and going back to when sailing was sailing the only way to get around. No modern conveniences; No motors, electrics or hydraulics are permitted. You must work with canvas sails, hemp ropes and wooden blocks. It took all 24 rugby crew to raise the main sails.



The race is a reverse start where the slower boats start first and the faster boats start toward the last. The triangle course around the IJsselmeer is set for two laps where all boats should finish together. Our clipper barge was the third from the last boat to start. The rest of the race was an unbelievable Kodak Moment as we worked our way up through the fleet, passing each boat with a lot of rugby songs, rugby chants and a new

theme of “Nah Nah, Hey Hey – Good Bye....” Several of the participants would dress to the 9’s with period gear like the black felt pants, shirts and wooden shoes. What a beautiful way to spend an afternoon.



As a self-appointed tactician to the captain who was way too courteous to take out some the other contestants at the marks and by way of right-of-way rules we worked our way to the front of the pack. We got more aggressive the closer we got to the finish and by the time we crossed the finish line, we placed 3rd. The next year we placed 4th. What great fun and a feeling as though you have lived part of sailing’s past history.

Capt. Jim

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