Election News

The ballots have been counted and your new Officers and Board of Stewards elected. Please congratulate the following people who will represent and serve our club for 2018.

Top row, 
**Commodore** - Liam Cunningham;  
**Vice Commodore** - Bill Hurni; **Secretary** - Sharon Hamilton; and **Treasurer** - Terry Patterson

Board of Stewards, left to right, 
Bob Graves, Daryl Wurster, Robyn Strickland, Mark Halstead, Jean-Marie Dolenc, and Roger Sulhoff

Change of Watch Dinner

A dinner will be held in January to thank the outgoing officers and BOS and welcome in the new ones. All members are welcomed and encouraged to attend. Watch your email and the KSC website for upcoming information on this event.

2017 Turkey Shoot Dinner  
(and a Sailing Regatta, too)

Mother Nature was not willing to provide any decent wind for the annual Turkey Shoot Regatta, held in November.

Despite the weather, KSC welcomed many of our own competitors as well as those visiting from other clubs. Festivities began Friday night with registration and hors d’oeuvres. Races were scheduled for both Saturday and Sunday. Most fleets were
“Reflect upon your present blessings -- of which every man has many -- not on your past misfortunes, of which all men have some.”
— Charles Dickens, A Christmas Carol

It makes sense my final Commodore’s Corner article would center around reflection. How can one resist reflecting on a year that evolved so much around a single entity…namely Keowee Sailing Club, along with the people and experiences that make up this wonderful little paradise.

In keeping with the spirit of Dickens’ quote, I’ll reflect on the many blessings KSC has afforded me the past year. 2017 saw a year of financial prosperity for our club through various efforts including events, new memberships and bringing overdue accounts to current status. I’m happy to report we enter 2018 fiscally sound while many other sailing clubs continue to dissolve across the U.S.

I’ll use this medium as one last opportunity to stress the self-help culture of KSC...we must continue to foster our culture to remain healthy and cost effective.

We had extremely successful racing and social events this past year. KSC witnessed a growth in its participation as new ideas were introduced along with additional races. We saw growth in both adult and youth series as well as an increase in participation from our provisional members.

Again, one last time to emphasize...we are a sailing club. OK….we also had some challenges that I’ll not focus on but I feel are worth reflection as we learn from all our experiences. We experienced the loss of a life, a friend of one of our members, as a result of a tragic drowning.

We also experienced the fiercest winds I’ve witnessed in 14 years as the remnants of Hurricane Irma passed to the west of us, causing damage to both boats and docks. However, from these challenges arose support and determination throughout our membership. Just another shining example of our culture in that we are here to assist one another during difficult times.

Membership News

At the November BOS meeting Ulf Schiller was accepted in to KSC as a provisional member.

Ulf Schiller currently lives in Greenville and is an Assistant Professor at Clemson. He has sailing experience both cruising and racing on a variety of different boats and water types. He also has some experience teaching classes in navigation and safety at sea. Ulf is looking forward to getting involved with our racing program and with the KSC activities. While he does not currently own a boat, he would be interested in purchasing a keelboat in the 20 to 26 foot range in the future. Please welcome Ulf to the KSC.
only able to complete one race on Saturday, and Sunday’s races did not happen at all.

On Saturday night, racers and other KSC members relaxed and enjoyed a catered turkey dinner with all the fixings.

Those placing in the regatta were:

Recreational Fleet - Blue Division - 1st Charles Henshaw, 2nd Shaun Allen, 3rd Ray Tobias
Recreational Fleet - Red Division - 1st Bill Hurni, 2nd Kip Smith
Flying Scot Fleet - 1st Glenn Kats, 2nd Beverly Harshman, 3rd Kirk Elliot
PHRF A Fleet - 1st Johnny Ballatine, 2nd Joe Waters, 3rd Camron Raylance
Multihull High Fleet - 1st Billy Cook, 2nd Bill Croughwell, 3rd Ted Hardwicke
Multihull Low Fleet - 1st Jake Kohl, 2nd Nigel Pitt, 3rd Rick Harper
Sunfish Fleet - 1st Phil Cook, 2nd Cole Owens, 3rd Julian Baldwin
Open Portsmouth Fleet - 1st Mike Neidig, 2nd Dennis Fisher
KSC Gives Back

One of the highlights of the Turkey Shoot Regatta was a raffle and silent auction consisting of more than 80 donated items!

Proceeds from this event were donated directly to the American Red Cross Disaster Relief Fund, whose representatives were on hand to personally thank our club for their generosity.

We raised a grand total of $1,756.12!

Many thanks to the committee who worked so hard to make this fundraiser a success. They are Liz Copps, Liz Keenen, Susan Brier, Martha Gale, Linda Bisterfeld, Martha Steele, Kay Haskell and Dianne Johnson.

Thank you also to the many, many members who donated items and bought raffle tickets. And to keep our generosity going.... see box on the right.

KSC Toys for Kids, Dec 9

You are invited to come to the club on Saturday, December 9th from 3 to 6 for the KSC Toys for Kids drop in.

KSC will provide appetizers and drinks to thank you for donating a new unwrapped toy or toys to help brighten the holidays for some deserving children.

These toys will be distributed locally by the SC Department of Social Services. We know that December is busy but please try to attend and give what you can to help make the season brighter for some of our neighbors.
The 2017 Keelboat Championship was sailed on November 18 & 19 when the wind was cooler. Nine boats competed in the event and the racing was very competitive.

There were three different first place finishers in the five races. They were Rick Harper, and crew of Rodney Fowler, Jack and Becky Wise; Terry Keane and crew of Rob Kaiser and Thompson Mefford; and Chris Zander and crew Jake Kohl.

In the 3rd race Terry Keane tied for 1st place Rob Baldwin on corrected time with crew Julian Baldwin, Cameron Rylance, Ulf Schiller, and Phil Cook.

The wind was out of the west and was up to eight or nine mph and then down to nothing at times. The third race was shortened as the breeze faded, frustrating David and Robin Strickland. They had built a substantial lead only to have the wind fill from behind and watch their competition go by them at the end, moving them from a sure 1st place to 5th in that race. Situations like that give us the mantra to never give up, but don’t get too cocky when you are ahead.

On Sunday, we started the first race at 10:30 am with the wind out of the Northwest. We had a few white caps on the water. The boats raced on a pretty square course to the wind and were spread out both to port and starboard, but when they came back to the mark there was not much room between them.

After two laps around the course they finished in under 45 minutes with the finishes seconds—not minutes—apart. At one point in this
race we had three boats finishing in five seconds. In the last race of the day, the wind picked up slightly. Chris Zander and Jake Kohl won the line honors and a 1st place despite breaking their spinnaker pole.

When the scores were tallied Terry Keane & Crew prevailed (that’s a nice word for dominated), over the fleet with two individual 1st places, one tie for first, a 2nd and a third place for 8.5 points.

The rest of the fleet follows: Rob Baldwin 14.5 points, Rick Harper 16 points, John Rice 19 points, Chris Zander 26 points, David Strickland 31 points, Hank Goodman 34 points (sick on Sunday & did not sail), Chase Chassin 38 Points.

2017 Dinghy Championships

The annual KSC Dinghy Championships were held at the beginning of October.

Please congratulate the following for placing in these races.
1st: Jack Wise
2nd: Jake Kohl
3rd: Rick Harper
**Waterline News**

As of January 1, 2018 an important change is being made to the production of *Waterline*. To reduce postage and printing costs (and conserve trees), we will no longer be publishing and mailing the black-and-white printed version of *Waterline*.

All members will continue to receive the full color version by email. The color version will also be posted on the clubhouse bulletin board as usual.

We are aware that there are a small number of members who do not use email. If this is the case, please contact Bonnie Eisenbies at 781-264-2686 and we will work with you to ensure that you are able to stay up to date on KSC news and events.

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**NOTE: no BOS meeting in December.**

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