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KEOWEE SAILING CLUB

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Commodore's Corner

Welcome to 2020 at your Keowee Sailing Club. I am both excited and honored to serve as your Commodore this year. Each of you are keenly aware of what a treasure we share in our little sailing club on the banks of Lake Keowee. We are beneficiaries of the years of work, planning and commitment to sailing from those who have served before us. I would like to take a minute to thank all the past Commodores, past Board of Stewards and volunteer efforts of all members who have provided a strong foundation that we can continue to build upon.

I find strength in knowing that I am not alone moving our club forward in accomplishing the goals of the club and taking on new challenges. We have a talented and strong Board of Stewards to provide leadership and a firm hand at the helm. We also have you, a membership that is committed to the concept of self help and helping our neighbors.

I commend Past Commodore Bill Hurni, the past BOS and the Strategic Plan Committee in the work and plans that have provided a map as we move forward this year. There were many hours

of research, interviews, and input sought to best move us forward.

As I look to this coming year, I am eager to move the Strategic Plan forward. We will begin major work on refurbishing our docks this year. New club fees will be instituted in April (2nd quarter billing cycle), low flow technology will be installed in the bathrooms to maintain the life of our septic system and additional plans will be implemented to lay the groundwork for future club maintenance and improvements. I invite you to review the Strategic Plan which can be found on our website main page. Additionally you can read the minutes from Board of Steward meetings to stay abreast of plan implementation.

This club is your club and I invite you to take an active role on committees, events, races and the simple act of cleaning up after yourself. Attend Board of Steward Meetings (check club calendar below), and when something needs to be done, choose to be a part of the solution.

It is now our time to be good stewards of the blessings we have at Keowee Sailing Club.

Sail On,
Mark Halstead

2020 Change of Watch *by Phil Cook*

2020 Commodore Mark Halstead concluded the Change of Watch Ceremony with a quote from E.B. White:

“If a man must be obsessed by something, I suppose a boat is as good as anything, perhaps a bit better than most.”

The 2020 Change of Watch Ceremony had all the key elements of a well designed and executed event befitting the tradition of excellence that is the norm at KSC.

The crisp white table cloths accented with the rich royal blue runners, sparkling white plates and highly polished silverware, set the tone that this was an important and memorable event.

The club membership enjoyed libations and a bountiful brunch while being serenaded by live music provided by LC Branch, a renowned vocal artist from the Upcountry!

At the beginning of the speeches, 2019 Commodore Bill Hurni recognized the efforts and dedication of the club leadership. He made note of the 2019 Strategic Plan and the countless hours spent in developing, presenting and approving the plan.

At the conclusion of Commodore Bill Hurni's speech, senior member John Landers explained the tradition of “Eight Bells” to the audience. This is a naval tradition in which the period of “The Watch” is broken down into eight segments (a half hour per bell). The end of The Watch is denoted by the ringing of eight bells. The end of John's talk was punctuated by the ringing of eight bells by Terry Patterson.

This moment signified the end of the 2019 Watch by Bill Hurni and the beginning of the 2020 Watch by Commodore Mark Halstead.

The major 2020 mission for Commodore Mark Halstead is to continue in the implementation of the 2020 components of the long range plan and to set a firm foundation for the future components of the plan.

The next line of the quote by E.B. White states, “A small sailing craft is not only beautiful, it is seductive and full of strange promise and the hint of trouble.”

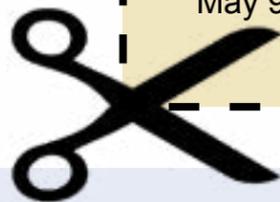
To me, this was the perfect ending to a wonderful ceremony.

Congratulations and good luck to Commodores Bill Hurni and Mark Halstead.

2020 Board of Stewards Meeting Calendar

January 18 - 3rd Saturday
February 22 - 4th Saturday
March 21 - 3rd Saturday
April 18 - 3rd Saturday
May 9 - 2nd Saturday

June 20 - 3rd Saturday
July 18 - 3rd Saturday
August 15 - 3rd Saturday
September 19 - 3rd Saturday
October 10 - 2nd Saturday
November 14 - 2nd Saturday



RACING IN 2020 *by Doug French*

Well, Mother Nature did not provide us with a good start for KSC racing in January. Both of that month's race days in our Frostbite series were rained out. But we're looking at a packed race schedule for rest of the year, so things will get better as winter wears away. And besides, the last rain-out on the 11th provided a great opportunity for racers and race committee folks to gather for an informal discussion of the racing program for 2020.

The idea was to get input on a range of topics for shaping the program as the year gets underway — and that we did. I am very grateful for such a good turnout despite the weather, and my apologies to those who came in at the normal time only to find that discussions were already well along. We just found it difficult to watch the rain without getting right into the subject at hand. Here is a brief summary of main take-aways:

Saturday Races

For the past several years, we have limited the number of series races on any given Saturday to two races total. But often times, the wind improves toward late afternoon, just when we're wrapping up. In addition, during recent regattas, dinghy racers (Flying Scots, MC Scows, etc.) have enjoyed the emphasis on shorter and more numerous races. So we're going to echo that in our regular series racing. This year, whenever the wind is favorable and race committee volunteers are willing, a third race can be offered for dinghies.

For keel boats, the opposite has been happening in recent regattas. A desire for longer races has been on the rise, so we'll also echo that in our regular series racing. Whenever the wind is favorable and the race committee is willing, we'll try to offer the keel boats either a real round-the-islands distance race, or simply a longer-than-usual round-the-buoys race.

Regattas

We're always trying to find the optimum balance between a) putting on a good regatta — good racing, food, entertainment and awards — and, b) keeping the entry fee attractive. That will continue in 2020, and it started with a good discussion of pricing. We'll look at what's been achieved in our recent regattas, and also where we are in comparison to other regattas in the region. And while we will always want to attract and welcome racers from other clubs, we especially want to find ways to make our 2020 regattas appealing to a greater number of our own club members. Stay tuned.

Race Committee Help

Like KSC as a whole, the race program is a self-help endeavor, in that the racers themselves take turns at running races. We explored how many times a year each skipper would need to volunteer to be PRO (Principle Race Officer) in order to cover the four series — seems like 2-3 times should do it. It was also pointed out that PRO-ing need not be limited to round-the-buoys skippers — shout out to Liz Keenen for being a shining example of that. Point being, the PRO role can also be performed by crew, folks that normally race only in the Recreational fleets, or anyone who has acquired an understanding of what's involved in setting up and running a race.

Assistance with Learning to Sail

Sam Secrest discussed his proposal to offer a "Learn To Sail" program for KSC members who might want to learn more about any aspect of sailing — from sail trim to bottom paint to anchoring. We'll hear more from Sam on this, but there were two take-aways from that discussion. First, it will be about sailing, NOT racing. And second, the only reason it was part of our racing discussion is that race skippers were asked if they would make themselves available to help, by sharing general sailing experience and possibly going for a sail with an interested member on the member's own boat. And there were plenty of volunteers.

So we're off and running for 2020. Check out the KSC website calendar; all of our regattas and series races for the year are there. Next up — our Hot Ruddered Bums series begins on February 15th.

And if you're a skipper, crew or race committee volunteer (on the water or in the kitchen), you won't want to miss our Spring Awards Dinner, coming up on leap day, February 29th. We'll be awarding the top winners of the Frostbite series, and of last year's Fright series. In addition, this is the time we recognize the Fleet Champions and Club Champions for 2019. RSVP sign-up coming soon.



A Farewell to past Commodore Davida Steinbrink

by Phil Cook

Past Commodore Davida Steinbrink has raised the anchor, hoisted sails and set off on the next voyage in her life journey.

At a December party held in Davida's honor, many of KSC membership gathered to ensure that there was a proper send off for KSC's 2nd female Commodore.

Davida was a frequent participant in the KSC Wednesday Night Potlucks and established a tradition of providing Shrimp and Cocktail Sauce at each potluck.

For those of you, and there were many, that participated in the consumption of this dish and are wondering what will become of this tradition, never fear.

Our newest and youngest full member Tommy Davis has picked up the shrimp torch and has committed to carry on the tradition set by Commodore Davida Steinbrink.

Davida, you will be sorely missed but not forgotten. May your next voyage be filled with fair winds, following seas and the knowledge that your KSC family will be with you in spirit wherever life takes you.



HELP! HELP! HELP! HOSTS for 2020 KSC Events Needed

by Liz Copps

KSC needs your help in hosting one of our events this year. We are *sharing* the responsibility of our event planning. If you have hosted people at your home, you are qualified for this!

Would you like to host an event for all of your KSC friends this year? Grab a friend or two and volunteer to host the event of your choosing! As the hosts, you will be given a budget, but beyond that, the event is yours — so be creative!

Events Chairperson Liz Copps will be available for consultation and guidance, if desired, and can also assist with bulk purchasing from our food vendor. Please contact Liz Copps via email at KSCeventschair@gmail.com if you are willing to host!

An Event Host is requested for each of the following KSC Events:

Flag Day Raft-up & Cookout on Saturday, June 6, 2020

Thanksgiving Day Planned Pot Luck on Thursday, November 26, 2020

Toys For Kids on Saturday, December 5, 2020

In addition to these dates, there are four Holiday Race Days which include a lunch and/or dinner component. A host is needed for each holiday listed below. They will be asked to coordinate with the Race Food Committee.

Those dates are:

Memorial Day Holiday on Saturday, May 23, 2020

July 4th Holiday on Saturday, July 4, 2020

Labor Day Cookout on Saturday, September 5, 2020

Veteran's Day Holiday *date TBD, most likely on Saturday, November 7 or 14

Thank you!
KSC Events Chair
KSCeventschair@gmail.com

Women Wind & Waves 2019 Sailing Challenge Results! *by Liz Keenen*



In July of 2019, the ladies of Women, Wind & Waves were given a challenge to sail three times in the next three months - July, August and September. The enthusiasm for the sailing was strong, so the challenge was extended an extra month into October.

All total, there were 11 organized sails in which the ladies participated over the Summer and early Fall. Plus, the group got together on two other days when the wind or weather did not cooperate and practiced land drills or driving the Panga.

For eight of the 11 sails, the ladies sailed KSC's Sunfish and/or JY15s. The three remaining sails were on keel boats. During the 11 sails, the ladies worked on various sailing skills, took part in many drills, demonstrated terrific improvement and most importantly, had fun!

Nineteen women took part in the 2019 Sailing Challenge! Nine women completed the challenge by sailing at least three times!

Congratulations to the following nine ladies for successfully completing the 2019 Sailing Challenge: Mary Yau, Jackie Blackwell, Kay Haskell, Debra Kruljac, Mary Heyward Belser, Jan Cook, Ava Carr, Shelley Stover and Dee Richardson!

All nine of these ladies earned a prize — a recycled spinnaker ditty bag. Additionally, the top participant, Shelley Stover, (in sunfish with green/pink/yellow sail) who participated in nine sails and the Panga practice day, earned the top prize — a cutout coin sailboat necklace!



Camp! Camp!! Camp!!! Camp!!!!

Yes, FOUR KSC Youth Sailing Camps for 2020! Please watch the KSC website in March for applications. In the meantime, you can start talking up sailing camp to your children, grandchildren, nieces/nephews, cousins! Now is the perfect time to start planning their visits around KSC's sailing camp! The dates are as follows:

Youth Beginning Camp - Session 1: June 8, 9 & 10
Intermediate Camp: June 15, 16 & 17
Youth Beginning Camp - Session 2: June 22, 23 & 24
Opti Camp: June 29 & 30, July 1

Youth Beginning Camp is for children **10 - 16 years** of age, who are new to sailing or have only sailed for a couple of years. **Intermediate Camp** is for more **experienced** children who are pre-qualified/**admitted** into camp **by the instructors** (see application for specific details on admission). Intermediate Camp has a focus on racing. **Opti Camp** is our brand new camp for 2020! Opti Camp is for **8 and 9 year olds only**. A very limited number of children (7 total) will be admitted to Opti Camp — one child for each Opti sailboat in KSC's fleet.

More details to follow in the near future. Any questions should be directed to Liz Keenen, Chairperson of Sailing Education, elizkeenen@yahoo.com

Shoes to Fill *by Mark Halstead*

After many years of dedication, Carl Fortson has decided it is the right time to step away from his duties on the Communications Committee. Carl's primary role has been emailing to club members any timely and important information pertinent to club operations. He has also maintained the club distribution email list to ensure it is accurate and information reaches all of us.

This position is important and is often the first line of communication when information needs to get out fast. If you are interested in this position, please contact Commodore Mark Halstead at:

commodore@keoweesailingclub.com
The position requires someone who is readily available and monitors their email frequently. The position can be done from home or anywhere one has access to the internet.

Rest assured, Carl and Linda will still be enjoying the sailing club, so when you see Carl, please take a minute to thank him for all he has done to support KSC. Thanks Carl!

CPR/AED/FIRST AID

by Elizabeth Keenen

Do you volunteer on race committee? Assist at sailing camp? Just hang out at KSC with your friends and family? Then, please consider taking this CPR, AED & First Aid Course!

Course Offering: CPR, AED & First Aid through American Heart Association (certification good for 2 years)

Instructor: Joe Rash (retired firefighter & police officer; current Paramedic)

Date: Sunday, March 22
Time: 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Location: Keowee Sailing Club
Cost: \$50.00 per person
Payment Method: Cash or Check
Minimum: 5 participants
Maximum: 20 participants

If you would like to reserve a space in this class, please email Liz Keenen: elizkeenen@yahoo.com
Let's try to completely fill up this class!

Lock Up *by Mark Halstead*

This is a reminder to keep KSC facilities and equipment locked up and put away properly. It is also important to maintain your boats in a secure manner. Over the last few months, the club leaf blower has gone missing and members have reported items missing from their boats.



First Work Party of 2020: February 8th *by Jan Cook*

Calling all sailors and mates! Our first general Work Day has been posted for February 8th to give all Committee Chairs the chance for a head start for projects and upkeep for the new year.

As you know, our first major Long Range Plan project — the renovation of docks 1 & 3 — will take place early this year so as to cause the least impact on our sailing season.

We know, however, that it is a big undertaking and any work that can be finished before that event will be enormously helpful. Plan to give a hand on February 8th! Our club will benefit.

Catalina 27 Diesel to Electric Conversion *by Richard Berg*

I purchased the boat about two years ago and joined the club about one year ago. The 1985 Catalina 27 tall rig is currently named "Sea Pet" but that is due to change. It was delivered new to Lake Keowee and mostly owned by former Commodore Bill Thraves. Once cleaned and decluttered, I found the boat to be very seaworthy and well-equipped.



Unfortunately, the original Universal M-18 diesel did not start and had created a pungent diesel smell in the cabin. I spent several hundred dollars on new Racor fuel filters, new injectors, glow plugs and had mechanics evaluate the engine, which they said should run.

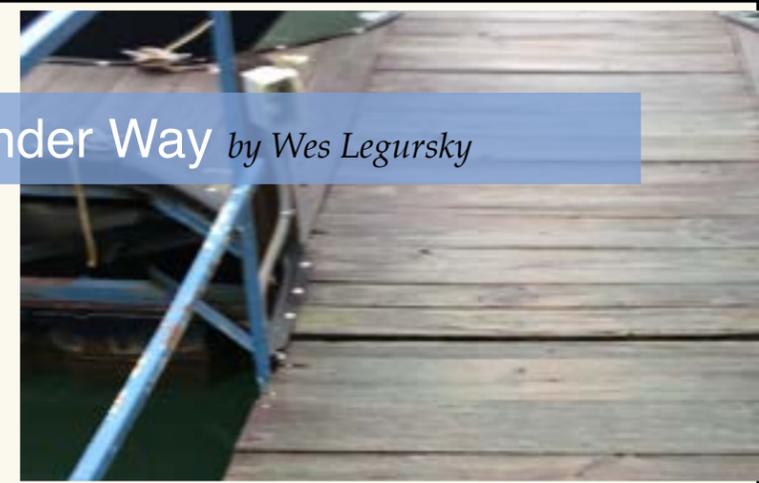
The evolution of EVs (Electric Vehicles) in the past decade is quite amazing and EVs are becoming mainstream. If you have ever had a Toyota Prius silently sneak up on you in a parking lot or witnessed the ludicrous acceleration of a Tesla, you know what I mean. I started researching electric motors for sailboats and found many vendors with varying options. I settled on a company called Electric Yacht from Minnesota, mostly because it was a drop-in solution and their first installation was on a Catalina 27.

While the cost was more than replacing the diesel and then some, the simplicity seemed crucial to my goal of completing this before Spring 2020. The Electric Yacht QT 10 Sport was the right size for my boat and comes with a throttle, battery status readout and a charger to charge the 48 Volt battery bank that is not included. Batteries are not included as there are many options for this and the shipping cost is prohibitive. The batteries available vary in cost and mostly determine the range of travel while under power. Given the size of Lake Keowee and my needs, I settled on using four standard marine deep-cycle batteries. Electric Yacht calculated this should give me 90 minutes of run time at five knots, which I deemed to be plenty for getting in and out of the cove and possible emergency motoring.

The kit arrived on my door step weighing in at 95 lbs. and I was like a kid at Christmas. I did have one tall hurdle in front of me before I could silently motor out of my slip without fuel or fumes; I had to remove the diesel engine, tank and controls. After several days of cursing at bolts, bloodied knuckles and working in uncomfortable yoga-like positions to reach the back of the engine, I have now removed and disposed of all the engine parts in various dumpsters (not the club's) around Asheville.

This brings us to the current day situation in January 2020. I had made a mock up of the engine mounts so I can adjust the mounts before the in-boat installation; the batteries will be placed where the diesel tank sat which seems appropriate. So, when you see a Catalina silently slipping out of the cove under no sails, you'll know my mission is complete. If you have questions or are interested in learning more, please feel free to contact me, my contact information is in the club registry.

Dock Refurbishment Project Under Way *by Wes Legursky*



At the December BOS meeting, approval was given and funds allocated to begin the much-needed refurbishment of docks 1 and 3. Our intention is to make every effort to keep the club up and running with as little disruption as possible during the project. For example, we hope to keep the Launch dock open to facilitate racing and other activities. That said, we recognize that members will experience some inconvenience during this project and ask for indulgence while those two docks are returned to a state of which we all can be proud. To that end, Kroger Marine Corporation (KMC) has been contracted to provide the following services:

- remove existing deck boards and replace with ipe (25 year life)
- repair any structural issues found with the metal framework
- install new rub rail
- reinstall the existing cleats.

The permit with Duke was filed in December and we are currently awaiting a response. Once it is received, we will be able to set a firm schedule for the work. At this time, our expectation is that the work will take place during March – probably taking the majority of the month.

The Club will have plenty to do in preparation for the actual dock refurbishment. Power will be turned off at both docks for the duration of the project and then the receptacles will need to be removed. They will be reinstalled once KMC finishes a dock. Of course, the greatest effort will be in finding places to put the boats while a dock is under construction and then moving them.

The Club will begin moving boats from their slips starting one week prior to the initiation of work on the first dock. The Guest and Work docks will be reserved during the project for the temporary storage of displaced boats. Any slip that can be vacated from the other four docks will allow us to locate a boat from

dock 1 or 3 and thus reduce the number of boats in temporary locations. We plan to have space available at KSC for boats on trailers. Any member who can put their boat on a trailer will free up a space. Also, some members may have another location on the lake where they could temporarily store their boat also freeing up a space. Any member who can vacate a slip will greatly assist the project. All of these owner-moved boats must be finished before we begin clearing a dock. The Club will attempt to assist any owner that wishes to move their boat. If anyone feels they could help in this manner, please contact us as soon as possible.

If you have installed anything on your slip that you wish to keep – such as extra padding – it should be removed prior to KMC beginning work. Everything except our existing cleats will be headed to the landfill. You can then reinstall it after the dock refurbishment is completed.

The Club will return the boats it has moved back into their refurbished slips once the dock is completed. Then we will reinstall the electrical outlets and power will be restored.

The point of contact for this project will be me, Wes Legursky. I can be reached via voice or text on 815-355-7940 or email at wes75@aol.com. Please direct any questions to me. Also, the sooner we know about any possible boats that can free up space on the other docks, the better. We look forward to serving the club in this critical project.

Your Dock Refurbishment Team!

Board of Steward Actions: January 2020

Membership

Tracy Carr, Chair, reports that there are no resignations for provisional members and that there are two resignations for regular members: John and Kathy Hall and Brian and Linda Upchurch.

Tracy made a motion to move John and Martha Steele, and Carl and Linda Fortson from regular membership to senior membership effective 01/18/2020.

Tracy made consecutive motions to move the following provisional members to regular membership:

Richard Berg
Bill and Michelle Cezz
Tony Davis

The following members will move from the waiting list to provisional membership effective 01/18/2020:

Donald and Sharon Hall of Greenville, SC
Robert and Cristen Cox of Spartanburg, SC
Ali Yazdy and Mag Sokhardern of Greenville, SC
Marjorie and Alex Feltus of Clemson, SC

The following members resigned from Senior Membership:

Bruce and Karen Rankin (12/08/2019)
Davida Steinbreck (01/01/2020)

Tracy reported four families are expected to participate in the interview process. Commodore Halstead conveyed expectations for the BOS to participate in the interview process.

Strategic Planning

Wes Legurski, Chair, reported that work to refurbish docks 1 & 3 will take place this spring (March).

Communications will be going out to boat owners on these docks to get their participation or permission in moving boats.

Vice Commodore

Jan Cook, Work Party dates for 2020 are in progress. Jan asks that committee chairs provide a list of work they would like done.

Commodore

Mark Halstead, The Strategic Plan was adopted in December of 2019. Goals for this year are to carry on this plan, implementing the plans for 2020 and setting the groundwork for future boards to follow in implementing the long range plan (strategic plan). Commodore Halstead will be asking Stewards and other club members to take the lead on the various projects outlined in the plan.

New Business

Sharon Hamilton made a motion to nominate Jean-Marie Dolenc as treasurer. Terry Patterson offered the following amendment to the original motion as follows: Steward Cook motioned to approve Jean-Marie Dolenc as treasurer effective 04/01/2020 and Terry Patterson to remain as acting treasurer until then. Motion passed.

Liz Copps has agreed to chair events, however, she is in need of several event hosts to be responsible for events. More details will follow in the next *Waterline*.

Tea and Sympathy *by Liz Copps*

Kindness and sympathy that you show to someone who is upset: "It's time for action, not just tea and sympathy."

Life isn't always easy!

Perhaps someone is experiencing a traumatic injury, illness or loss. Whatever the reason, as part of the KSC family, we would like to offer support. Please reach out to me if receiving an email or card would be appreciated.

Liz Copps
2020 Tea & Sympathy Chair

Email: TeaAndSympathyKSC@gmail.com
Contact person: Liz Copps

When emailing, please include the following:

- * Full name (and/or nickname if preferred) of impacted individual(s)
- * Relationship to KSC
- * Physical mailing address (where we may send a card)
- * E-mail address
- * Any information we may share with the KSC family.

WHAT'S COMING UP:

Feb	1	1:00 pm	Frostbite Series #6
		6:30 pm	KSC Game Night
	8	9:00 am	Work Party #1
	15	1:00 pm	Hot Ruddered Bums #1
	22	10:00 am	KSC BOS Meeting
	23	1:00 pm	Women, Wind & Waves
	29	1:00 pm	Hot Ruddered Bums #2
		6:00 pm	KSC Awards Dinner: Fright & Frostbite Series, Club & Fleet Championships

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