



Waterline

KEOWEE SAILING CLUB

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March 2020

On Schedule:

Dock Reburishment Update

by Wes Legursky

The dock refurbishment project remains on schedule and, so far, unaffected by the coronavirus outbreak. Kroeger still plans on the first day of work being Wednesday, March 25th. At that point, Dock One will be chained off until it is completed and turned back over to KSC.

But that doesn't mean things haven't been busy! Hats off to the KSC membership for the response we have had in getting boats pulled out of the water and pre-moved to empty slots. Because of the efforts of many of your fellow members, we are not going to raft a single boat coming off Dock One! That is truly exceptional.

So far, we aren't as lucky with Dock Three. But it is early and I expect a similar response over the next two weeks.

The period after Dock One is complete and before Dock Three starts promises to be one of

the most crazy and chaotic of the club's history. During this six-day window (April 8-13), we have to move Dock One boats back home while at the same time clearing off the larger Dock Three. (Dock Three has 28 slips as opposed to 24 on Dock One.) Do we have any retired air traffic controllers?!

Dock Three owners who wish to move their own boats should contact me before Thursday, April 2. I will give assignments where possible although it is very likely that they may be assigned in real-time as spaces free up. So please be prepared to give me the exact date you will move your boat when you contact me (email is preferred because I have a paper trail then.) I will be making assignments based upon the date the boat can be moved. The first day

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Commodore's Corner

ESCAPE TO SOCIAL DISTANCING

Our daily lives are upside down, schools are closed, businesses have limited operations, store shelves are empty and many of us find ourselves at home. We, too, at KSC have postponed or cancelled our club activities, racing, socials and meetings for the month of March. We will assess club operations as we move into April and hopefully a more clear picture of the pandemic will become available.

The strength we have in KSC is our members, our people. It is with the best interest of our members that we will make future decisions about club operations. The health and safety of members is paramount in everything we do, and that is never more evident than during the trials we now face.

I ask you as members of a self-help club to do everything in your power to adhere to our modified schedule, to not gather in the club house or grounds and to clean up before and after you use club facilities. When using the

restroom, kitchen or clubhouse, please, please use the provided wipes to clean up and wipe down anything with which you may have come in contact.

Also, some of you may face personal difficulties and financial difficulties during this time. If times become challenging for you in meeting your club dues/fees, I encourage you to contact Terry Patterson, treasurer, to seek a deferred or reduced payment plan until we come through time and things return to normal.

Despite the chaos around us, I encourage you to take hope. Though we have taken steps to limit social interaction at KSC, you are still blessed with the ability to practice Social Distancing on the water. Spring has sprung and with it, new life and a hope for better days. Days of a hot sun, cool water and a stiff breeze. Soon we will be racing again, enjoying each other's company. Until then, take care of yourselves, check on your neighbor, be safe and healthy.

Sail On
Mark Halstead

Dock Reurbishment Update *continued*

for owner moving of boats from Dock Three will be Wednesday, April 8 and the last day will be Saturday April 11.

We are still planning on Kroeger finishing up on April 27 and all work and boat moving completed on or before April 30.

The biggest way members can help is by moving boats off-site (trailers or non-KSC slips). And then letting me know the slip can be used during the project. Every slip is important!

Any slip from Docks Two, Four, Five and Six, can be utilized! It would be fantastic not to have to raft off boats on the Guest Dock.

As before, I can be reached at:

Wes Legursky
wes75@aol.com (email is the preferred method)
815-355-7940 (text, then voice next)

First Race Awards Banquet of 2020

by Doug French

Well, that tongue-in-cheek question “Are we having fun yet?” is not exactly amusing these days. We reluctantly cancelled the March portion of our HRB racing series, so no, we’re not having much fun right now. But we’re all doing what we can do to fight this serious viral threat, and better days are ahead. When we can see some light at the end of this coronavirus tunnel we’re in, series racing will be back on.



And in case you are wondering, as of this writing our Keowee Cup and Grits’n Haggis regattas are still on as scheduled, while we monitor the situation week by week.

For status updates, keep an eye on the regatta pages of our website here:

[Keowee Cup 2020](#), and [Grits’n Haggis](#).

In the meantime, while we’re all hunkered down, we can take some pleasure in the recent past as we did at our winter awards dinner on February 29th. Following a fine meal (as always) and lip-smacking desserts, we awarded the top finishers in the 2019 Fright series and recently-completed 2020 Frostbite series.

2019 Fright:

Flying Scot fleet:

- 1st place - Rick Harper
- 2nd place - Glenn Kats
- 3rd place - Joe Hiller

Open Dinghy fleet:

- 1st place - Clare Legursky
- 2nd place - Rod Andrew
- 3rd place - Kyran Dowling

PHRF fleet:

- 1st place - Terry Keane
- 2nd place - Hank Goodman
- 3rd place - Dennis Headberg

2020 Frostbite:

Flying Scot fleet:

- 1st place - Bob Graves
- 2nd place - Debra Kruljac
- 3rd place - Glenn Kats

Open Dinghy fleet:

- 1st place - Bruce Sampson
- 2nd place - Kyran Dowling

PHRF fleet:

- 1st place - Hank Goodman
- 2nd place - Terry Keane
- 3rd place - John Rice

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Race Committee

We also recognized the people who made our racing possible throughout 2019 by volunteering to serve on race committee.

We send out a huge thank you, not only to the following folks who served on the most race days, but to all others who helped during the year as well.

On the Water:

John Wohlwend
Liz Keenen
Steve Hiller
Frank Goldsmith
Jan Cook
Ulf Schiller
Ted Hardwicke

In the Galley:

Donna O'Hara
Suzan Simmons
Barbara Smith
Nancy Neidig
Leslee Hiller
Chieko French

If you're not familiar with what these folks do, the on-the-water volunteers execute start sequences and take and finish times, set and retrieve the course marks and start/finish lines, observe mark roundings and stand by to assist racers when needed.

The galley volunteers serve up great refreshments after every race, during which the racers celebrate their survival of another grueling contest and blame any shortcomings on wind shifts.

Most Improved Racers

There is a plaque in the clubhouse with engraved plates that recognize individuals who have shown the most improvement in sailing and racing during the year. Not every year has a plate, but on this occasion, a new plate was added to the plaque for each of two most improved racers. And despite not having spent years on the tiller, look at what they were able to accomplish:

Cole Owens

Cole, who is all of 12 years old, took 1st place in the Open Dinghy fleet of the 2019 HRB series, 7th in the 2019 Simmer series, and finished 9th in the 1st race of the 2019 Grits'n Haggis Flying Scot regatta.



Debra Kruljac

Debra, who is 39 and holding, raced for the first time ever this past year, and then took 2nd place in the Flying Scot fleet of the 2020 Frostbite series.

Please congratulate Cole and Debra when you see them heading out for their next win!

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Fleet Champions

And then of course there are the Fleet Champion plaques. The champion of each fleet is determined by combining all the races across all of the four seasonal series, and scoring them as a single year-long series. For 2019, that meant a 39-race series, with 31 skippers competing.

The Fleet Champions of 2019 are:

Champion, Open Dinghy fleet:

Rod Andrew

Champion, Flying Scot fleet:

Rick Harper

Champion, PHRF A fleet:

Terry Keane

Champion, PHRF B fleet:

Phil Cook



There is a little problem with that last one. We have not had an active PHRF B fleet in recent years...Until now. We are building that fleet again, and Phil is leading the charge in his Merit 22, along with Sam Secrest in his Outlaw. But as it turns out, we currently have no Fleet Champion plaque for that fleet. It existed at one time, and we heard a rumor that it might be in the clubhouse attic. And upon hearing that, Phil immediately went on a hunting expedition in said attic. Maybe two, actually. He was able to return in one piece. But alas, no plaque. We will acquire a B fleet plaque, Phil, one way or another. No, really.

Club Champions

And finally, the Club Champion. Three, actually — two Keelboat champions and a Dinghy champion. These were determined by Keelboat and Dinghy Championship regattas held last fall. And the top racers in the club — the best of the best for 2019 — are:

Club Champion, Keel Boat - PHRF A:

Rick Harper

Club Champion, Keel Boat - PHRF B:

Sam Secrest

Club Champion, Open Dinghy:

Mike Neidig

Congratulations to all of our winners, and thank you again to everyone who made it all happen in 2019, keeping our race program one of the strongest, if not the strongest, in the Southeast.

Fingers crossed for an improving outlook on the virus front. This too shall pass.

Women, Wind & Waves SC Boating Safety Course Challenge

by Liz Keenen

The ladies of Women, Wind & Waves expanded their knowledge of boating safety by participating in the WW&W South Carolina Online Boating Safety Course Challenge.

To date, a total of **18 ladies have earned their lifetime certification!** The ladies who completed the WW&W challenge were each awarded a prize — a personalized cork key ring! (*in photo*).

Congratulations to Pat Benedict, Mary Heyward Belser, Ava Carr, Jan Cook, Colleen Patterson, Kay Haskell (NC certification), Debra Kruljac, Kara Pruitt, Dee Richardson, Linda Bisterfeld, Sandy Gillis, Mary Keith Eustis, Nancy Hackett, Susan Chamberlain, Mary Yau, Susan Watson, Jean-Marie Dolenc and Liz Keenen for all earning their safe boating certification!

About the Free Online Course

The South Carolina Online Boating Safety Course is free — absolutely no cost. It can be taken online (on a computer or laptop — taking it on your cellphone is not recommended). You study at your own pace. You can stop and start — so you do not need to complete the entire course in one sitting. Just be sure to save your place. It does take at least 8 hours. The course teaches you everything you need to know.



There are six lessons, six quizzes, and a final exam. It is a lifetime certification. It does not expire. **All KSC members are encouraged to take the online course!**

Here is the link to the free online course:

<http://www.boatus.org/southcarolina/>

Skiff Operators

Any interest in becoming a better skiff boat operator?

Are you bored with your usual online videos that just aren't keeping you amused during this time of 'social distancing'?

Why not use this time to familiarize yourself with some basic powerboat skills? These 12 online videos from US Powerboating cover anchoring, approaching a mooring buoy, backing, docking, a high speed stop, holding position, leaving a dock, minimum control speed, person-in-water rescue, the pivot turn, rescuing a capsized sailboat and towing alongside. Get yourself ready to help on race committee or even at sail camp! Go to:

<https://uspowerboating.com/videos/>

Liz Keenen
Sailing Education Chairperson

Pergola Project Raises the Roof at 2nd KSC Work Day!

by Phil Cook



Pergola Project

The Pergola project team, under the leadership of Sam Secrest, is getting close to completion. With the aid of Dan Harding's equipment the roof of the the Pergola was raised and secured at the 2nd KSC 2020 Work Day held on March 7.



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2nd KSC Work Day *continued*

Club Sailboat Team

The Club Sailboat Team successfully completed:

- the JY #2 part removal project thanks to John O’Hara,
- the Flying Junior preparation for the Maritime Flea Market by Bob Graves,
- Sunfish repairs by Mike Garrett and Ulf Schiller, and

Facilities Update

The Facilities Team, under the guidance of Jim Carr, replaced club house lighting, repaired and restored water to the maintenance and club sailboat areas. He was helped in the club house projects by Jane Anne Bruch and a mysterious tall guy.



- Sunfish Sail removal and replacement by John Bruchs, Ulf Schiller, Mike Garrett, Paul Hulme, Steve Hiller, Frank Goldsmith and Rod Andrews.

Grounds Update

The Grounds Team, under the guidance of Tommy Davis and John Landers, completed:

- a tree trim project,
- a shrub planting project,
- a beach clean up project (performed by Bill and Joann Boozer in photo),
- a shrub planting project, and
- a continuation of the drainage improvement project assisted by Ralph Chamberlain.



Schedule Changes and Updates

Skiff 101 Class Cancelled *by Liz Keenen*

As I'm sure you know, the Board of Stewards cancelled all KSC events through the end of March. So, the Skiffs 101 class on Saturday, March 21 is a no go. Once it is safe to do so, I will attempt to reschedule. In the meantime, you can familiarize yourself with some of the basic powerboat skills that are in these 12 online videos:

<https://uspowerboating.com/videos/>

Please take good care of yourselves - both physically and mentally!

Happy Sailing!

Liz Keenen, Sailing Education Chairperson

Grits & Haggis Regatta

As of this edition of the *Waterline*, the Grits and Haggis Regatta will run as scheduled. (See next page for more information.)

Maritime Flea Market & Food Drive Rescheduled

...has been rescheduled for Sunday, June 7, 2020 from 9am to 2pm.

It's a Great Time to Take the

Online CPR & First Aid Course

One of the beauties of our online world is that you can do many things online — including taking a CPR & First Aid course! So, if you need or want a certification for CPR & First Aid, use this time that you are 'social distancing' from others to prepare for the future when you might need to help someone!

The course is approved by the United States Coast Guard and has a two-year nationally accredited certification. You take the course online, and then have a skills 'face to face' online checkout session with a live instructor.

<https://www.emergencyuniversity.com/storefrt/p-88-uscg-cpr-first-aid.aspx>

Still on the Schedule:

KSC Grits 'n Haggis Regatta, May 15-17



The annual event is for Flying Scot sailors. FS Fleet 193 expects 20+ boats with competitors from clubs including Birmingham, Lake Lanier, Lake Murray, Lake Norman, and Privateer Yacht Club.

Friday, May 15

- 1300 - Clubhouse grounds open
- 1730 - On-site registration opens
- 1800- Welcome Party (food & beverages included.)
- 2030 - Registration Closes

Saturday, May 16

- 0830 - Continental breakfast opens
- 0830 - On-site registration opens
- 1115 - Lunch Served
- 1130 - On-site registration closes
- 1200 - Competitor's meeting
- 1300 - Warning Signal, First Race (maximum of 4 races scheduled for Saturday)
- 1700 - Attitude adjustment opportunity begins & Flying Scot Olympics
- 1830 - "Steak Throw" Dinner (Steak, sides, desserts provided, grill your own steak)

Sunday, May 17

- 0730 – Signature KSC Grits 'n Haggis breakfast opens
- 1000 – Warning signal for first Sunday race (maximum 3 races scheduled for Sunday). The last start will be no later than 1200
- 1400 or ASAP after conclusion of racing – Lunch and awards at KSC Clubhouse

Any questions/concerns, or to volunteer to help, please contact : ksceventschair@gmail.com

A Tradition Continues

At the last Wednesday Potluck, Carl & Linda Fortson presented Tommy Davis with a ceramic Shrimp and Sauce Bowl so that he could properly continue the Potluck Shrimp Tradition started by Past Commodore Davida Steinbrink.



WHAT'S COMING UP:

April	4 & 5	9:00am-5pm	KSC Weekend Sailing Seminar
	11	1:00 pm	HRB#5 Series Race
	18	10:00 am	KSC BOS Meeting
		11:00 am	KSC Around Alone Skippers Meeting
	19		KSC Around Alone -
			Start time may be as early as 10:00AM (Sailor vote)
	25	9:00 am	KSC Work day #3
	26	1:00 pm	Women, Wind & Waves
	27		Kroeger scheduled completion of Dock 3.
May	2-3		KSC Keowee Cup
	8	5:30 pm	Women, Wind and Waves Sail
	9	10:00 am	Board of Stewards Meeting
		1:00 pm	HRB#6
	10	1:30 pm	Women, Wind and Waves Sail
	16-17		KSC Grits & Haggis
	22	5:30 pm	Women, Wind and Waves Sail
	23	1:00 pm	KSC Holiday Distance Race #1
		1:00 pm	Simmer Series #1
	24	1:30 pm	Women, Wind and Waves Sail
	29	5:30 pm	Women, Wind and Waves Sail
	30	9:00 am	KSC Workday #4
	31	1:00 pm	Women, Wind and Waves Sail

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