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COMMODORE'S CORNER

As you may or may not know, I spent many years in the yachting industry as a Captain and Engineer on larger motor yachts, and once in a while a sailing yacht. One of the perks of this work was spending a lot of time in different marinas, up and down the East coast and Caribbean. A great pleasure in these times, in different ports was when a bunch of cruising sailors would come in after a long point to point cruise or just a great day on the water. Because I knew the secret handshake and had an unlimited supply of ice and fresh water, I was invited to join in on their after cruise celebration.

Cruisers are no different from racers; there are always good stories to tell. Who had the best boat speed, whose sails worked better in this air, how so and so miss read his charts and almost went up the wrong channel. And let's not forget, who almost or did run aground.

The reason I bring this up is I know many of our sailors don't have the time or are not ready to take off on a Caribbean adventure YET, but there is plenty of fun to be had right here on Keowee. There is nothing more fun than sailing in a group. You can try new settings and get instant feedback; you can try close quarters maneuvering. Passing food or beverage across moving boats will build skills that can help in rescue situations, and at raft ups. We once rafted 4 boats together and the 2 outside boats sailed the raft all afternoon down the lake and back. Sailing to a destination and rafting up, with a group, for a meal or beverage, or even an overnight, can be some of the best times on you will spend on your boat.

You don't need to wait for a formal event to be planned, grab some fellow sailors who just happen to be around and get out and have a new sailing experience.

Hopefully I'll be around when you get back in and can hang out and listen to your stories.

LET'S GO SAILING.

-Hank Goodman

MEMBER INFORMATION SYSTEM

At the beginning of 2022, Keowee Sailing Club introduced its Web-based Member Information System. This system allows members to request changes in their contact information. Typically, this information consists of some of the following types of information;

- 1). Change of email address
- 2). Change of mailing address
- 3). Change of phone number(s)
- 4). Change of Boat
- 5). Change of Slip

To date there have been **forty-five change requests** that have been processed.

I encourage all members to do the following;

- 1). Go to the Keowee Sailing Club website at keoweesailingclub.com
- 2). At the top of the web page under the Keowee Sailing Club logo go to the Member Pages. Click on the Member Roster box and check out the specific information listed for you.

You will need to enter the **member only password** to get access. If you can't remember the Password, send an email to secretary@keoweesailingclub.com and I will send it to you.

If you need to make changes, go back to the Member Pages and click on the Update Member Information box in the lower right corner.

Update all information that has changed.

As soon as you have submitted this information it goes to the email administrator, the KSC Treasurer and to KSC Secretary.

Typically, based on your request this information is updated within 48 hours . You will receive an email from the KSC Secretary when your information has been updated to the KSC Website.

You can also check by going back to the Member Roster on the Website and confirming that the changes match your request.

By keeping this information current, it will help ensure that club information, Billings, events and emergency contact information will get to you properly and in a timely manner. Thanks and I hope to receive all members' updated information this year.

-Phil Cook

ELECTRICAL SAFETY UPDATE

About eight to nine years ago electrical outlets were added to each of the six boat slip docks for the convenience of our members. In accordance, with standard safety standards each of the outlets is protected from faults by a Ground Fault Current Interrupter (GFCI) style breaker located in the panel boxes adjacent to each dock. In normal usage a GFCI is expected to remain operational for 25-30 years. The GFCIs are tested monthly to verify the trip feature is functioning properly. There have been multiple early failures discovered during this testing and an increasing number of tripped GFCIs found each month that would suggest that the GFCIs are being challenged either because of weather issues or circuits loaded above the 20 amp breaker setpoint. Frequent electrical challenges can cause the early failure of the GFCI feature which can negate the safety provided.

To give you some perspective, a 2400 watt rated electrical component can draw 20 amps. Some hair dryers approach 2000 watt loading; who hasn't seen a GFCI trip using a hair dryer. Any members who are connected to an outlet at their boat need to be aware of the collective watt ratings of any components connected to the outlet to ensure that they are not creating a challenge to the safety circuit. In addition, anyone connecting to an outlet at their dock should be following the electrical safety guidelines **found in Section V, Subsection 10 of KSC's operating policy as provided below:**

“Electrical Safety”

- a. Without exception, all connections made to KSC electrical receptacles shall be U.L. approved, weatherproof, three wire, and grounded.
- b. Wiring must be of sufficient amperage for its use as specified by the National Electrical Code.
- c. Extension cords used should be at least 12 gauge (AWG) and rated for outdoor use.
- d. Electrical equipment directly connected to receptacles by their integral (as purchased) cord of any size are acceptable as long as they have a ground wire (three-pronged connection).
- e. All severely weathered or visibly damaged cords must be replaced immediately. The KSC Board of Stewards retains the right to disconnect undersized or damaged cords upon discovery.
- f. All electrical equipment connected to dock receptacles shall be disconnected at end of the day unless the user is remaining on the premises during the duration that such connections are installed.
- g. Any permanent or extended connections must be approved by the safety or facilities chairperson and will be reported to the KSC Board.”

AROUND ALONE

On April 9th and 10th, Keowee Sailing Club held the Around Alone 2022 Race. This race attempts to challenge the participants by sailing most of the sailable parts of Lake Keowee during the course of 2 days. The Southern Boundary is the Keowee School Road Bridge and the Northern Boundary is Rochester Highway Bridge.

This year, the Around Alone 2022 was particularly challenging. In addition to the length of the course each day, Mother Nature decided to introduce her own challenge by generating very challenging wind gusts on the first day which caused at least one knock down and a number of round up's! In a one two punch Mother Nature also added "snow showers" to the challenge! Day two saw the entire spectrum of wind from very light to very gusty.



-Rick Harper was the only Corinthian "Crazy" sailor to sail both days!

Despite these challenges there were five Corinthian participants {Sailing by themselves}; (Rick Harper on his Moore 24), (Matt Davis on his ODAY 272 LE), (Rod Andrew on his McScow), (Greg McPhee on his Flying Scot) and (Phil Cook on his Merit 22).

There were also six Non-Corinthian participants {Sailing with crew} ; (Chris Zander on his Classic 26), (David and Robyn Strickland on their O'Day 25), (Terry Keane on his J-22), (Ken Marsh on his Soling), (Christian Oehring on his Santana 25) and (John Gale on his Tempest 22).

On Day 1, only Terry KEANE completed the course and may have hit an all-time high speed record by clocking over 11 knots coming back from the Keowee School Road Bridge.

-Phil Cook



KSC 50th ANNIVERSARY INVITE



Prepare to Celebrate!

RSVP's are OPEN
for our Golden Jubilee,
featuring great food, club history,
honored guests and an
"On The Beach" themed DJ party.

Saturday, June 18, 2022, 5:30 pm
Keowee Sailing Club
150 Keowee Sailing Club Rd, Seneca, SC 29672

You can RSVP and pay online
using the link **below** this invitation

or

by mailing a check.

If by mail, please fill out the accompanying form!

Price includes:

Hors d'oeuvres, Main Course, Dessert & Coffee, Beer, Wine & Soft Drinks

Main Course selection:

Sliced smoked **Brisket**, dry-rubbed and served with a gourmet BBQ Sauce.

Shrimp poached in cream sherry gravy with Marsh Hen Mill grits.

Chicken seared in olive oil and fresh garlic, salt & pepper.

Vegan Paella including artichokes, tomatoes, red bell peppers, Kalamata olives,
garbanzo beans and Arborio rice.

All accompanied by:

Roasted new potatoes with rosemary and truffle oil,
sautéed green beans, and a robust salad bar.

Web Link to RSVP:

<https://www.keoweesailingclub.com/ksc-50th-anniversary-celebration/>

KSC 50TH RSVP FORM



RSVP form for 50th Anniversary Celebration

For Main Course Selection, please indicate either Beef, Shrimp, Chicken or Vegan Paella.

For name tags: Name Main Course Selection

Names of Member(s) _____

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Cost

of Member(s) _____ @ \$10 each = \$ _____

of Non-member(s) _____ @ \$15 each = \$ _____

Total = \$ _____

Make your check out to KSC,
print and mail this completed form **with your check to:**

**KSC 50th, c/o Scott Brier
197 Kanuga Forest Drive
Hendersonville, NC 28739**

MAIN DOCK USAGE

Our weather is finally warming up and with that comes more activity at the club! This is a reminder to please be courteous when using the main dock. We have members who live on the lake and sail up to the club. We have members who don't have slips bringing boats. We have racers who need a place to go after launching. We ask that if you HAVE a slip that you NOT use the main dock for extended periods of time. If you ARE tied up to the main dock, please move close to other boats so we can maximize the available space. Also allowing other boats to raft up to yours will enable others to park there.

We have a limited amount of space we have to share- thanks in advance for helping make the club fun and accessible for all of our members!!

-Vice Commodore Robyn Strickland

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday April 24th @ 1:30pm- Women Wind & Waves Powerboat

Saturday April 30th @ 11:30am- Keowee Cup Skipper's Meeting

@ 6:00pm - Keowee Cup Dinner

Sunday May 1st @ 10:00am - First Signal

Friday May 6th @ 6:30pm - Women Wind & Waves Meeting

Saturday May 7th @ 1:00pm. - Hot Ruddered Bums #6

Friday May 13th @ 6:30pm - Women, Wind & Waves Meeting

Saturday May 14th @ 10:00am - May Board of Stewards Meeting

@1:00pm - Simmer Series #1

Saturday May 21st. - Grits & Haggis Flying Scot Regatta

Sunday May 22nd - Grits & Haggis Flying Scot Regatta

Saturday May 28th @ 1:00pm Distance Race #1