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COMMODORE'S CORNER

At Change of Watch last weekend, I thanked some folks who work hard to keep our club running smoothly. For the sake of time I limited it to committee heads but there are other people who work behind the scenes that are every bit as important. I want to thank a few of them here....

Everyone knows the treasurer, but he/ she doesn't do the job alone. For years Suzan Simmons and Susan Chamberlain have been our accounts payable and receivable dynamic duo!! They are the right (and left) hand of the treasurer, and they deserve recognition and thanks!

Chris Zander keeps our website updated and makes sure we (the flag officers) are getting our official emails

Phil Cook in addition to secretarial duties puts the monthly Waterline together and makes sure it gets distributed.

Jim Carr, while without an official title, is responsible for so much of the repairs and maintenance that happens around the club.

I know there's also a group of guys who come out throughout the week and do work on the docks.

I know there are others I've left out, but their efforts are no less appreciated. This club is filled with some truly amazing and dedicated people. If you see these guys and gals around the club, thank them for their largely unheralded efforts!!

See you on the lake!

-Robyn Strickland

A MESSAGE FROM THE DOCK MASTER

I'm happy to say we're off to a great start for 2023. The annual insurance audit is almost complete as we work to finish updating the hard copies that are kept in the office. As warm weather approaches there's a few things that our boaters need to take note of.

1. We've had an unseasonably large amount of rain lately, I believe it was reported that since the start of 2023, we've had no more than 4 days in a row without rain. It should come as no surprise that the Club has seen an increasing number of boats taking on water from it. If you've not checked on your boat in awhile, it's time to do so! Time to see if you have any leaks, replace covers, resecure hatches, and clean out drains!
2. Along with the rain and our increasingly warm temperatures comes the growth of mold, mildew, and algae. We've got a lot of boats that could use a good bath. Take advantage of these nice days and lets get our marina back into shape!
3. Check your Dock Lines! I feel like I say this all the time but we still have instances where old lines are failing, breaking and boats are snuggling up against the docks or their neighbor. As we move forward there will be regular inspections of lines and additions added where necessary. These come with a cost associated with them if lines are getting to the point where failure has occurred or is imminent.
4. In the near future our Grounds Committee will be graveling the Upper Lot Dry Space Parking Lot in it's entirety. While this project does not have a set date yet, its anticipated to occur before Summer. What this means is that all the boats up there are going to need to be shuffled around. Owners will be given a chance to move their boats on their own before the project but those that are not moved will be carefully moved by a trusted Committee member and then returned back. Now is a good time to check the tires on your trailers! More information to come as it is available but this is just the beginning of a heads up!
5. Last but not least, I want to take a moment to announce that I have a new Assistant Dock Master! Mark Halstead! I can't thank Mark enough for volunteering for this position. Ultimately the Assistant Dock Master will take over as Dock Master later this year as my time constraints away from the Club continues to interfere with how much focus I can place into things at KSC. I'll be remaining in an advisory position incase Mark needs any guidance or recommendations. For now, I'm still the direct contact but will begin shifting some responsibilities to Mark over the coming months.

- Matt Davis

THE FIRST PURSUIT RACE OF 2023



The first Pursuit Race of 2023 included a total of eleven boats that battled in light and shifty wind conditions. The race committee managed the staggered starts brilliantly and due to the light wind conditions shortened course. For those club members that do not know what a Pursuit Race is here is a brief summary;

The Start

The slowest boats as identified by Portsmouth Handicap Rating Formula (PHRF) start first and then are followed by time interval starts of the progressively faster boats.

So in this race the Catalina 22's started at the start signal and then were followed by the other racers at time intervals until the last starter, the Beneteau 265 started 12 minutes and 30 seconds later.

The Course

The Course was a triangle course beginning with an upwind leg to the A Mark followed by a reaching leg to the B Mark followed by downwind leg to the C Mark then a return to the A Mark and Back to the start finish line.

The Finish

The goal is to be the first boat across the line. In theory the boats should all finish at the same time.

Many factors impact that theory. In this Pursuit Race the Beneteau 265 finished first but did it by going on a less direct route to the marks than other boats but in more wind.

Post Race

After the race the racers enjoyed hearty fare prepared by Cammie Kaiser and received great pointers on what to do to go faster next time including:

- a). Proper Car Position for wind condition experienced.
- b). Proper Crew Placement for wind condition and what to use as visual cues that your “Stern is Dragging.”
- c). Proper Head Sail Trim
- d). Mark rounding - Forecast Problems Ahead - Avoid the Jam
- e). Crew/Skipper Communication

This is a great and fun way to gain confidence and knowledge of how to get your boat moving faster.

The next Pursuit Race is scheduled for **March 4th**. It would be great to see at least 20 boats participate in that event.

Thanks to the Race Chairs Terry Keane and Rob Kaiser for this new Event!!

UGO’S HAVE BEEN SIGHTED!!!

There have been reports of unappreciated ground objects UGO’s (poop) found in several locations at Keowee Sailing Club. All pet owners are requested to review and adhere to KSC guidelines and particularly to clean up after! The sail folding area is not an appropriate venue for your pets to discharge.

Please help keep KSC free from the UGO’s!!!



SAYRA AND KSC

KSC has a long history of support and cooperation with SAYRA, South Atlantic Yacht Racing Association. SAYRA is a Regional Sailing Association under the umbrella of US Sailing. It is one of the largest and most active in the South and respected nationwide as an innovator and leader in training and promoting the sport of sailing.

The KSC Commodore and Past Commodore attended the annual meeting this year and were able to network with other clubs and organizations to bring back valuable information to Keowee. There were sessions on Race Management, Club Insurance, Regatta Planning and operations, Club Branding, Weather, and many others. Many awards were given, with **two KSC sailing campers being recognized, congratulations to Kayde Cody and Onyx Pruitt.** Junior sailing is one of the top items on the SAYRA agenda and they support the juniors throughout our region. The yearly Youth racing series attracts over 300 juniors from the SAYRA region. With 8 regattas, juniors must compete in both freshwater and saltwater events to qualify for the Jr. Grand Prix, a coveted youth title. The keynote speaker was a top weather forecaster for Quantum Sails who gave a great talk and showed off some neat apps and weather station.

All the information and presentations from the weekend are available on the SAYRA website, WWW.Sayra-sailing.com. And as always I am happy to speak with anyone about SAYRA and its role in sailing in the southeast.

-HANK GOODMAN



Focus on Committees

For the remainder of 2023, the Waterline will feature each month a brief article highlighting the work of one of the many standing KSC Committees. Our committees are the lifeblood of our club, yet much of their work goes on behind the scenes. The purpose of these articles is to describe the responsibilities and tasks of the committees and to communicate to our membership the opportunities to support the work of the committees.

The leadoff committee is Events & Entertainment. This committee has, for the past three years, operated under the capable experienced leadership of Leslee Hiller.

Roles and Responsibilities

- Plan and manage annual social events and celebrations including:
 - Memorial Day
 - 4th of July
 - Labor Day
- Identify, sponsor, plan and execute additional non-recurring social events,
- Collaborate and coordinate with the other committees sponsoring events such as regattas,
- Develop and operate within an annual budget.

Tasks

- Lead person responsible for each committee sponsored event,
- For each committee sponsored event:
 - Purchasing,
 - Set-up,
 - Food preparation and service,
 - Clean-up
- Coordinate with the House Committee Chair to ensure adequate supplies are on hand

Opportunities

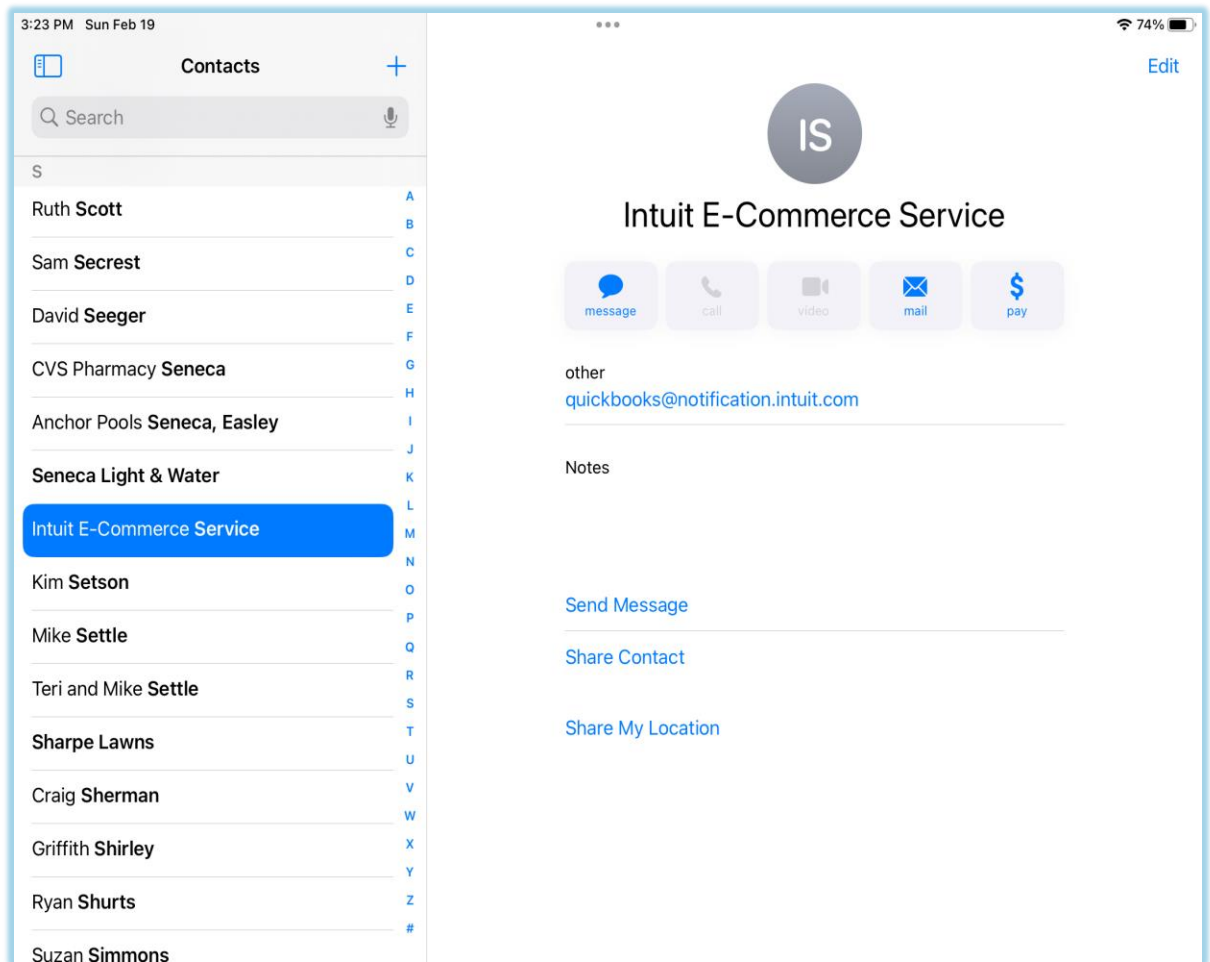
The Events and Entertainment Committee is looking for three or four additional KSC members to serve as standing committee members and is always seeking volunteers to help perform the tasks associated with staging individual events. If you are interested in supporting the important work of this committee, please contact Leslee via email: Events@keoweesailingclub.com

-Jeff Gilman

CLUB MAIL NOT JUNK MAIL

There have been several instances in which members thought they had not received their bill from KSC. I certainly thought that happened to me. I contacted the KSC Treasurer and was asked if I had checked my Junk Folder. There it was!

I was also told to add the following to my contact list **Intuit E-Commerce Service**.



Since adding to my contacts list, I have received all of my bills on time. Also, for your information bills go out around the following periods.
1st quarter bill (January -March) - **1st week December**,
2nd quarter bill (April - June)- **1st week March**
3rd quarter bill (July -September)- **1st week June**
4th quarter (October-December bill)- **1st week September**

If you do not receive your bills in the above time periods. Check your Junk/Trash folders. Also check to see if your billing email is correct. If not contact KSC Treasurer immediately.

UPCOMING EVENTS

DATE	EVENT
FEB. 25 TH	HRB SERIES RACE #4 @1:00 PM
MARCH 4 TH	REC PURSUIT RACE #2 @1:00 PM
MARCH 11 TH	HRB SERIES RACE #5 @ 10:00 AM
MARCH 18 TH	KSC BOARD OF STEWARDS @ 10:00 AM HRB SERIES RACE #6 @ 1:00 PM
MARCH 25 TH	HRB SERIES RACE #7 @ 1:00 PM
APRIL 1 ST & 2 ND	AROUND KEOWEE ALONE @ 11:00 AM