

# CARTER LAKE SAILING CLUB

## MAY 2020 NEWSLETTER



### FROM THE HELM

*Jeff Postek, Commodore*

Greetings CLSC;

I want to wish all veteran and new members happiness and strength for the 2020 season. We all deserve it. The obvious thing to point out to members is in 60+ years of the CLSC there has never been such aberrant circumstances like there is in the world today.

We are feeling it everywhere in the sailing community. Regattas, races, and gatherings of sailors. These have been cancelled or postponed. CLSC has cancelled the first 2 months of scheduled racing and delayed the 2020 regatta. Not to mention pot-lock cancellations.

But don't be alarmed, stick around, because these are temporary set-backs. The CLSC will persevere. Make your boat ship-shape and tune all the components aboard. Then go sailing with your family. Enjoy the ones you love. Watch the sunsets and maybe sunrises. Sail fast and be one with your boat. Set a course and go!

Cheers,

Jeff



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### **VICE COMMODORE**     *Dawn Robinson*

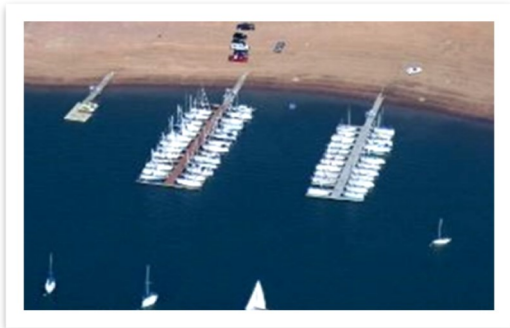
Hello Sailors!

What a long winter that one was. Do they seem to be getting longer every year?

I am thankful that we were able to get the docks in back in April. It went so well. A few hiccups at the beginning of the day (not bad what so ever) and then smooth sailing the rest of the day.

Of course it is disappointing that we have postponed the regatta in June. As you have heard we will make a decision by July 4th if we think we can have it later in the summer. Strange times!

We were able to finally get our boat in over Mother's Day weekend. I know that was all I needed for the big day. The docks are nearly full and looking great. Thanks to Erik and Mike for always keeping those in check.



How about all of the new people this year? Welcome! Come by and say "hi" to introduce yourself. My second home is "Low Cay" on the south docks on the south side. I need a face with a name to remember everybody.

If you have any questions or concerns be sure to let Rear Commodore Chuck Crowley know. HA HA! Chuck. Just kidding. Come on by. I cannot make promises but I sure can listen.

### **BOATS**     *Todd Rogers & Steve Johnson*

Both club boats are in their slips. The banana boat is running well and available as a work boat, junior sailing boat and backup race committee boat. Remember you must get training from the boats committee on this boat before piloting it.

The RC boat is for race committee and backup work boat. Up until a week ago it only went backwards! Steve has worked on that issue and it is now capable of moving through the water pointy end first. However, it does need some additional repair to make this a permanent feature.

Please remember neither of the club boats are available for private use by members.



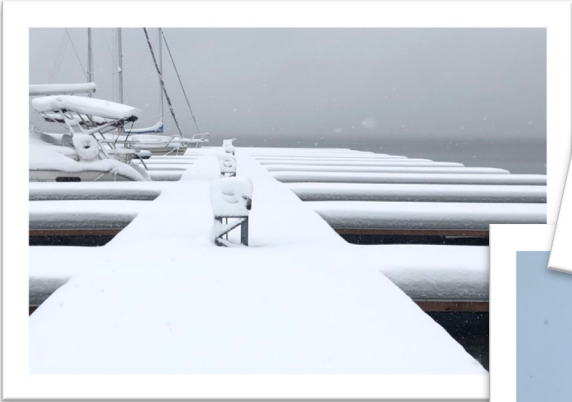
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SLIP LAUNCH 2020



... THEN CAME THE SNOW !





...and the arrival of member boats. Pictured is Bill & Jessica Fritz's sailboat, first on the south dock (again!)

Dock safety reminders: Docking lines should be of a 1/2 or 5/8 inch braided line. Use spring and breast lines. When adjusted properly, the spring lines will keep the boat securely in the slip but not allow the bow of the boat to ram the dock while the breast lines will hold the boat from lateral movement in to the slip fingers. When securing your boat in the slip be aware of the boats on either side and adjust for some mast offset. If there is severe rolling of the boats due to wakes or bad weather it may be possible for the shrouds and spreaders to tangle. Make use of fenders to protect your hull. Do not raise sails while in the slips.

## RACING

*John Heer*

As much as it pains me, I feel we have had no choice but to postpone any club sanctioned racing events until the pandemic is in recession, and social distancing guidelines have been formally relaxed. Other sailing clubs in the state in many cases have already formally cancelled events scheduled as far out as August. I can't, in good faith, schedule activities which may cause CLSC to stand out in a negative way.



If and when allowable, at the appropriate time, we will do our best to reschedule and recover as much of the originally planned racing as possible.



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**MEMBERSHIP REPORT**

*Jan Poulson*

Ken & I launched our boat, just in time for a Mother's Day sail. Feels good to be on the water again! We are in Slip 52, the very end of the South Dock. Come on down and say "HI" when you're at the lake. We have quite a few new members; please make them welcome. As you'll see below, I sense some boat naming ceremonies on the horizon!

**Welcome to returning members and new slip holders:** Gloria & Mark Kressin, Hunter 260, Name TBD and to Tony Porter, O'Day 25, SV: *Lily Rose*



**Welcome to new members and slip holders:**

Joe Corsetti, Precision 23, SV: *Summer Wind*

Brian DeBauche, San Juan 25, SV: *Blue Ghost*

Carol & Aaron Elston, Far East 27, SV: *My Toy* for now)

Rebecca & Tommy Holley, MacGregor 26, SV: *The Good Place*

Rick Martin, Catalina 27, SV: *Imagine*

Kim & Todd Skoric, Hunter 26, SV: *Kerri Lea*

Steve Walker, Catalina 22, SV: *Jolly Mon*

**Slip Listed:** Paul & Rachel Helmbold, Beneteau First 21, SV: *Katana*

**Welcome to Introductory Members:**

David Landon \* Katie McGirr & her son Wyatt \* Rise & Rick Stauffer

**Congratulations to our returning members with new boats!**

Patty & Bryan Davis, Seaward 23; Susan & Craig Huey, Olsen 30; Sarah & Jeremiah Sailer, Capri 26; Joe & Amanda Pawelski, Catalina 27; Chuck & Melissa Crowley, Catalina 28, and John Pumfrey has a new-to-him O'day.

**You will find your membership card in the clubhouse. See you on the water!**





As we all navigate life during COVID-19, please follow the County guidelines when using Larimer County Park facilities, wherein our sailing club and grounds reside. This Larimer County site for Carter Lake is here below. Other counties, where some of our members live, may have different plans for their parks.

<https://www.larimer.org/naturalresources/parks/carter-lake> From this site you may look through Larimer County Park regulations, camping guidelines and other helpful information to make the most of your time within the park. Keep in mind that these guidelines are specific to Larimer. As things seem to change rapidly, may we suggest that you check back before your visit.

For specific information on COVID-19 guidelines within Larimer County, please visit: <https://www.larimer.org/health/communicable-disease/coronavirus-covid-19/restrictions-and-guidelines-community-events-large>



## WHEN BEING SAFER AT HOME, HOW ABOUT A SAILING FILM

“Chasing Bubbles” is available on YouTube, and is a wonderful documentary of the extraordinary travels of a totally inexperienced sailor, Alex Rust (pictured). Alex purchased a 39 ft sailboat in 2008 and learned along the way, sailing around the world.



*Thank you, Jan Morgan, for this great recommendation!*



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## JUNIOR SAILING

*Jeremiah Sailer*

*Pictured at right, while at St. Frances Yacht Club where Jeremiah grew up, watching the races.*



Hello folks! I wanted to let the club know that we are planning for Jr. Sailing to happen August 1st and 2nd as well as August 8th and 9th. Our exceptional team of volunteers and coaches will be keeping in touch with the club for updates on sunfish repair, volunteering, planning, and sign ups! We are still the planning phase, so please be patient with us during this time of uncertainty and guide lines we will be following. If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me via email or phone. [sailercarpentry@gmail.com](mailto:sailercarpentry@gmail.com) ( preferred ) Or phone at 970-290-3811.

I would like to have an email from any parents who have interest on having their kids part of the Jr. Sail Squad, number of kids and ages. New member family's as well. This would help me get a sense of knowing how the application process will work. I will keep everyone updated asap, Thank you .





**HISTORIAN**

*Jackie Gurley*

***Carter Lake Sailing Club: Celebrating Sixty-Seven Years of Recreational Sailing***  
**A New Sailing Club Finds A New Reservoir**

This year the Carter Lake Sailing Club celebrates sixty-seven years of providing recreational sailing opportunities for families and outdoor enthusiasts, making it the oldest public sailing club in Colorado. But, how did it all begin sixty-seven years ago? Let us look back to the first events of the Carter Lake Sailing Club history when two new entities, a sailing club and a reservoir, crossed paths.

In August 1953, Denver Sailing Club (original name of the Carter Lake Sailing Club) sailors were racing on Sloan's Lake in Denver, growing increasingly dissatisfied with the number of power boats and regulations controlling sailboat racing. They formed a sailing club and began to look elsewhere for a place to sail. By early 1954, Club founder Otto Koehler learned of a new reservoir fifty miles north that would be half-filled by summertime. Given the resistance to the long drive, Otto stimulated interest in Carter Lake by emphasizing that the Club may have a chance to lease a lot from the government where they could build a club house. As the water level at Sloan's dropped to the zero level for sailing in July, the slogan became, "Let's give Carter a try!"

As part of the Colorado-Big Thompson Project, the Carter Lake Reservoir was begun in 1950 and finished in 1952. The Northern Colorado Water Conservatory District and Larimer County Natural Resources published a picture on February 26, 2019. Shown below, this "on this day" picture shows February 26, 1954, when the first water being released into the new Carter Lake Reservoir from Flatiron Reservoir.

Six months later, in August 1954, Denver Sailing Club members received a notice that they could use the lake. Without delay, the first race on Carter Lake took place Labor Day, 1954, and the intrepid Denver Sail Club sailors overcame many hardships to race on the partially filled lake: no paved roads, plenty of mud, no docks, no outhouses, and water level of only 35'.

Nine boats raced, and the first Carter Lake sailors felt like pioneers, and "in spite of, or maybe because of the hardships" had a wonderful time (Koehler, 1962).

By December 1954, the Club had received confirmation they would receive a site for a clubhouse and immediately began making plans.





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*This graphic is from our CLSC Archives, provided by our Historian,*

That was the beginning of the unique working club known today as the Carter Lake Sailing Club. For 67 years, sailing and outdoor enthusiasts have planned, financed, built, upgraded, and maintained the dock and clubhouse facilities, always working with Larimer County and striving to be good stewards of the land and water.

Sources: Koehler, Emmy, (1960). The First Seven-Year Cycle of the Denver Sailing Club.

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Postscript: Anyone interested in what the Carter Lake area looked like before the reservoir was built can find pictures and information in Carter Lake Sailing Club newsletters from March 2019 and June 2019. These are available on the [sailcarter.org](http://sailcarter.org) homepage under Newsletters.



Thanks to Gloria & Mark Kressin as well as Andrea Mann for contributing photographs from slip launch and the “snow docks”.

*Editor's note: It is your stories and photos that make this a good read! Members, you are encouraged to send along to me your photos, stories, boat news, travels - information you think will be of interest to the club. [nina.rogers@comcast.net](mailto:nina.rogers@comcast.net)*

