

December



2021

## CARTER LAKE SAILING CLUB NEWS

### FROM THE HELM

*John Griffith, Commodore*



It's that time of year,! The docks are in the parking lot, boats are all tucked away for the winter and most of us are all just waiting (impatiently) for spring when we can get back on the lake! It's been a great season thanks to a lot of hard work and effort on everyone's part. Now that we're looking forward to the 2022 season, I'm hoping that we'll again see a more normal season with events and social gatherings that make this club such a special organization, and maybe even some new opportunities for people to get involved and be a part of the club.

During the 2022 season I'd like to explore opportunities to expand the Junior Sailing program, and consider adding some community-based events that are focused more on the local community and youth. I'd like to focus on expanding our outreach to youth outside of the club to promote sailing, and who knows - maybe plant seeds for a future where there are more sailboats on Carter Lake than wake boats!

I'll be putting together a schedule and an agenda for a January EBoard meeting. Note that ALL members are invited to attend these meetings and your participation is strongly encouraged. In the meantime I hope everyone has a safe and happy Holiday this year. The dark days of winter will be over before we know it and we'll be getting ready to kick off another great summer on the lake!

As you know John Clarkson has been doing a fantastic job of keeping the Club House and grounds in shape for use for a number of years. It's a lot of work and a time consuming job.

Now that John is Vice Commodore he can't do both, and Art Umble has volunteered to take over responsibilities for the Club House. Please join me in thanking both John for the great work he's done, as well as Art for stepping up and volunteering to keep things running smoothly!

### VICE COMMODORE

*John Clarkson*



I am getting very excited for the 63rd Annual Carter Lake Regatta coming this spring in June!!! We are going to host the Santana 20 Nationals in coordination with the regatta, so this promises to be a very active event. Look forward to parties, food, live music, t-shirts, door prizes, silent auctions and more!

And yes, next year's regatta will bring back the ever popular "C" Fleet for all of us cruisers out there. So grab your family, friends and neighbors and show them the fun-loving side of casual racing!! The wind forecast looks great for June 2022!



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### DOCKMEISTER

*Bill Fritz*



Dock take-out was completed in October and docks and boats are eagerly awaiting the spring!

What's next? During the winter a docks sub-committee met several times to review south dock failures over the past several years and evaluate the strength and stability of both docks. We will be making recommendations to the e-board and the club on how to ensure that we have a safe and secure dock system and can accommodate the needs of the club.

Winter work hours will be available in 2 ways:

First is to manage the courtesy dock once the lake level comes back up and starts to freeze. This will require pulling the dock to shore and adjusting the cable during the coldest part of winter when the lake develops ice.

Second is through work days. We need to make superficial repairs to the decking on both docks. We mostly need to trade out about 40 boards across both docks to catch up on the warped and split boards from the past few years. We have a little bit of winch maintenance to perform on the courtesy and north docks, and also do our annual wheel maintenance for the shore side sections. We lost no wheels this past season, yea!

We are also looking into changing the winches on the courtesy dock to the yellow winches we have in storage that will accommodate a heavier cable and have a brake. The current set up is dangerous when the winch becomes loaded with weight.

We may also make a few extra shore weights to better secure the shore weights. This is still in sub-committee discussions.

Looking at moving past the next several years, it is important to have successors for the docks chairperson position in the club. Club members who have basic knowledge to either take the lead or support future leaders. Jim Kuiken and Steve Walker have both agreed to help and learn our dock systems, dock put-in and take-out, and maintenance programs so that the information is not with one person. If anyone else likes this type of work, it is a great way to contribute to the club and earn work hours. I do not see the chair position as a 1-2 year commitment because of the learning curve going from 0 to 60 mph. With some good backup I think we can get a half a dozen club members who can learn these systems and support anyone who wishes to take a lead position. This way we don't need to start at zero. I have no plans of resigning, but I truly believe that having more people with knowledge of our systems is critical. Life is short and full of surprises.

Make sure to spend time with your family this holiday season. (and wax your boat while the weather is good.)



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### MEMBERSHIP

*Jan Poulsen*

Welcoming late season new members, **Sidney (Sid) and Bonnie Germain**, who were already sailing out of a [temporary] slip till end of this season on their 19' Gloucester pictured here. Happy to have you both at the CLSC!



We welcome **Connie Barber**, our first new member for the 2022 season! She is slip listed for her MacGregor 25. Also welcome to the new *membership chair*, Pam Froemke!

*Note from our "outgoing" Membership Chair:* It has been my pleasure to serve the last couple of years and it is time to pass the baton... See you on the docks!

Jan

***Ship Store will reopen in early March!***

***You can order via text and pay by Zelle! It doesn't get any easier!***



### How to Sail a Sailboat?

Figure out where you want to go.

Do NOT aim the sailboat in that direction.

Aim the sailboat in some other direction.

### GENERAL MEMBERSHIP NOTE

Reminder to complete the [required] volunteer work hours, depending on your specific membership category, within the timeline necessary to maintain good standing in the club including your current slip priority or your position on the slip wait list. Please record hours on the Work Hours page of the website. Work Hours page is in the Member Portal. Overall, volunteering is just being a good citizen of the sail club. We depend almost entirely on us all to maintain our CLSC facilities for every member to enjoy. Any questions or concerns, be sure to ask a member of the EBoard for clarification.

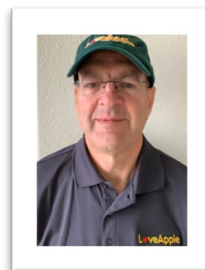


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### RACING COMMITTEE

*John Krueger*

CLSC's new race chairman John Krueger got bitten by the racing bug his first year of sailing. After earning his first ASA rating in 2004, watching online videos and reading lots of sailing magazines and books, John was hungry to keep sailing and wanted to hone his sailing skills. At his wife's suggestion John became part of a racing crew on Lake Michigan on a J35. Firefly's captain was a highly experienced sailor and former national 505 champion who loved racing. Yes, this is where John gets his "if there are two boats on the lake, it's a race" mentality.



Fast forward, John's racing resume includes two to three races a week on two different boats on Lake Michigan, three consecutive years of crewing during the BVI Spring Regatta and 4 years of racing on Lake Granby on Love Apple, a 25-foot Merit.

"When Love Apple's owner shared with us that he and his wife were moving out of state and putting Love Apple up for sale, we knew we needed to buy her," John tells. "At first we planned on racing Love Apple on Lake Granby but realized that having her there and us here limited our use of the boat on a last-minute basis".

"We looked around and found the Carter Lake Sailing Club. I was hooked when I read that the club had races." Love Apple made the trek through the mountains and has called CLSC home for the past five years. And John has participated in CLSC races since Day 1 of joining the club.

"John Heer has donated a lot of hours, time and energy as the club's racing committee chair for the past several years. He leaves some darn big shoes to fill, but I welcome the task," John states.



One of John's goals as Race Committee Chair is to share the love of racing with others. In that vein, he and his wife Teres are brainstorming ways to increase club member participation - everything from family fun races to a less demanding racing schedule to whatever will get more club members racing.

"Club members should probably know that, while I've been accused of being super competitive—and probably am, racing is a fun activity and definitely improves one's sailing skills," John summarizes. "I really love the crew coordination/teamwork it takes to sail well."

### BOATING MEMBERSHIP

*Mike Gurley*

The inaugural year for the boating membership was a great success. We had a total of six members joining the club and sharing Kokopelli. The boat was sailed over 70 times during the season giving an opportunity for sailors and their guests to enjoy sailing.



Over the winter I am planning on some improvements to make the boat easier to rig and sail. I'll also be asking the boating members to give feedback on when went right and what can be improved.

Looking forward to 2022.

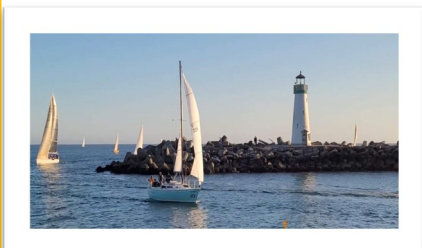


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### JUNIOR SAILING

*Jeremiah Sailer*

Hello Sailors, we had a wonderful season with the kids ,and I have to say a huge thank you to all of our volunteers that stepped up to help out with camp while I was sick on the second weekend of camp. It was amazing to have the support for the kids and continue as if it was all planned that way. The regatta weekend was a success and I can't wait to recognize some standouts! We will probably have a presentation of the cup and some other awards I planned in the spring.



Next season will be structured differently with roles for volunteers and coaches and way more activity for our CLUB JR. CREW ! I am super excited to put another season together and get more involved with more sailing activities for the kids through our season, so stay tuned for an email for our first planning meeting and please join in if you have interest in investing in our Jr. Sailing Program for 2022!

Please reach out to me for any questions, I would like to have a meeting via zoom mid January if possible. Stay tuned for dates....and Thank you!

### CREW NOTES



Pam Froemke is just a tad excited over her newly acquired Precision 28.

*In her own words...*“I have been love with sailing since 1986, actually sailing since 2009, and a CLSC member since 2017. I'm looking forward to serving the club as membership committee chair. My 2021

summer sailing was fantastic! Lots of exciting racing; learned many valuable lessons, and fortunately club activity was a bit more “normal”. I decided a couple years ago to “graduate” to a larger boat after sailing my Venture 22-2 for a number of years and finally found a 1998 Precision 28 last July. It was quite the

odyssey to get the boat from Waukegan, Illinois to Fort Collins, but she finally arrived and is cozied in at Steve & Bev Johnson's for the winter. I'm counting the days until sailing season starts again and I know of at least one boat-naming/boat-warming party that will occur next year. Here's to a great 2022 season!”



### CLSC BOARD MEMBER NEWS

**Pam Froemke**, new Membership Chair; and **John Krueger** is heading up the Racing Committee; **Jeni Umble** is our new Recording Secretary, **Art Umble** is taking on our Clubhouse and Grounds.

*Thanks to each of you, for taking on these important roles for the club, as we head into 2022!*



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### SANTANA 20 NATIONALS COMING TO CARTER LAKE!

We are working with the Santana 20 Class Association to host the National Class Championships in the days immediately following the Open. As many as 12-20 S20's from Colorado and other states, with both amateur and professional crews may be participating in the Championships.

We are expecting that many of those racing the Championships, to race in the Open as well. The event will be a great chance to showcase our lake and our knowledgeable and skilled race committee staff.



### A FEW SHOTS OF OUR CLSC MEMBERS OVER THE SEASON



*Editor's note:*

*Our newsletter is a safe space to share ideas, photos, thoughts, information, and experiences. The content is intended to inform, inspire and encourage us all to become better sailors, and better dial into what we enjoy. Articles should be topical, teach lessons/skills, or keep members up to date on events. If you have something to share, we would love to know about it! Send along to: [nina.rogers@comcast.net](mailto:nina.rogers@comcast.net)*



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*I am a thousand winds that blow;*

*I am the early sunrise' glow.*

*I am the light on rippled seas;*

*I am the gentle autumn's breeze.*

*When you set sails in the morning's hush,*

*I am the swift uplifting gust*

*of quiet birds in circled flight.*

*I am the soft star that guides at night.*

*Enjoy the Holidays !*

