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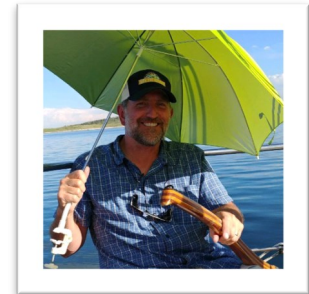
2023

## CARTER LAKE SAILING CLUB IN OUR 70<sup>th</sup> YEAR

### FROM THE HELM

*John Clarkson, Commodore*

Clean up your boat and put on your sailing shoes. We are entering our 70th Anniversary at the Carter Lake Sailing Club! Both the reservoir and our agenda of activities this season are going to be full! Keep an eye on the events calendar so that you don't miss out on the extraordinary things that go on around here. We got parties, we got races, we got camping, we got Junior Sailing, we got clubhouse and yes, we have plenty of volunteer opportunities as well!!



As the boats start to splash into the water and we get splinters in our feet, make sure you introduce yourselves to new people on the dock. The friendships made in this club help to weave a stronger social fabric, strengthen the legacy of the club and help make this experience more enjoyable for us all. I would also like to encourage everyone to read the Sailing Through History blog on our website to learn about how we came to be. It is fascinating stuff!

The docks go in the weekend of March 25th, and with that I am announcing a new contest! This year I am offering a boating gift bag to the member who most accurately predicts the number of snow days, AFTER dock put it, and who also comes closest to the most accurate predictions of total inches of snowfall. So, to win, you will need to be close on both accounts, the number of snow days and the total amount of snowfall accumulated during those days. Look for an email soon for the official announcement of the contest!

*See you on the water!*



### GENERAL REMINDERS

All boats **MUST** have current year Colorado registration stickers or USCG documentation prior to launching your boat. No exceptions. Please plan ahead.

CLSC slip launch is Saturday, March 25th. Beginning 8:30 am with a Safety Meeting at the top of the ramp. Check out the details in the DOCKS article.

1st Potluck "Chile Cook Off" hosted by the EBOARD, Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. at the clubhouse.



# CARTER LAKE SAILING CLUB NEWS

## VICE COMMODORE

*John Pumfrey*



As you know we have our regatta scheduled for June 3 and 4. In preparation for this annual bacchanal I am offering the chance to earn *free* work hours!

We need sponsors for this event and I am seeking your help in finding suitable partners. We need various forms of sponsorship - merchandise, gift cards and even donations. For each sponsor you successfully sign up, you will receive one hour of work time in recognition of your support to the club, Just let me know which organization / business you are contacting so we don't all chase the same folks. Happy hunting.

Also if you want to be involved in the planning and execution of this event, please send me a note/text as there will be further *free* work hours available - while stocks last!!

I sincerely appreciate your help with this project as we plan the best regatta on Carter Lake.



## BOATING MEMBERSHIP—KOKOPELLI

*Mike Gurley*

This is the third full year for the Boating Membership using the Club's Capri 22, Kokopelli. The membership has sold out with 6 members this year; two new to the boat and four returning. We welcome Shari Due and Christopher Roberts as new members to the club and Kokopelli.

Looking forward to another great year of sailing.



## DOCKS

*Bill Fritz, Dock Meister*

It's been a cold, long winter, but docks and boats will be going in over the next few weeks. Come help put docks in the water on **March 25<sup>th</sup> starting at 8:30 am**. A safety meeting will occur at the top of the ramp, please be there and be ready to work!!

**Water Levels:** Lake conditions this year are looking much better than projected last fall. We are looking at a fuller lake and are currently only 12 feet below full and still pumping water in. The best case would leave us near full almost all season.

**Winter Work:** Great Job to everyone who came and helped out this winter to repair the main docks and try and keep the courtesy dock corralled during ice season. We hope to have some recommendations on getting the courtesy dock out of the water during ice season. Anyone interested in working on a creative solution, please reach out.



## CARTER LAKE SAILING CLUB NEWS

### DOCKS *(continued)*

We had a group make 3 new weights for the docks to help replace some deteriorating or lost weights. They look hefty and will be a good addition to the dock system. Thanks to those that worked on that project.

We changed the dock wheels to make them more manageable during the season. The existing axles are decades old and rust has worn a lot of the threads that hold the wheels on. We have switched to a plastic dock wheel system with no threads nor bushing on the set of wheels that float. We will redesign the shore wheels or replace the axles over the next year to secure the remaining axles.

**Dock Security:** There are several ways to protect the docks and the boats secured there. The dock gate code is the same as last year and will get changed after the regatta. The Membership Committee still supplies the gate code for after the regatta. Please escort your guests through the gates while on the docks. Keep the gates closed when you are not actively present.

Keeping the boats secure by following the Securing your boat in the slip requirements located on the club website under the Members portal/boat slips/securing your boat in the slip. The use of ½ inch lines, spring lines on the dock-facing end of your boat and having lines in good condition are all critical in ensuring the safety of your boat and docks. That is a minimum line thickness; bigger boats may require a heavier dock line. If you see a boat not correctly secured please contact the owner or let me know and we will help the member get it right. If a boat has a dangerous condition occur (line a line breaks during a storm) please secure it immediately and notify later.

It is also important to ensure that your boat is not pushing on the dock fingers while slipped. Keep your boat centered in your slip. We have repaired all known weak spots on the docks but need to ensure that we don't put undue pressure on the steel frame in the docks.

**Permits:** The county is enforcing current boat registrations. The mussel inspectors are supposed to be turning away boaters not displaying a current boat registration sticker. On the same note it is required to have a current registration to be slipped. We will support the county's request in case someone slips through. Current USCG documentation is exempt.

The Slips committee would like to again thank everyone who donates their time to dock maintenance and helps in times of urgency/emergency. Hopefully we can have little of that this year, and enjoy a high water season. Fair winds, Bill

### SOCIAL *Andrea Mann - Kelly Peterson - Jan Poulsen*

Hello from your social committee! We are so excited to be cooking up some fun for the club this year. Jan Poulsen, Kelly Peterson and I are your social committee trio for this season. Speaking of cooking, our first potluck will be held on Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup> beginning at 5:00 at the clubhouse. The EBoard will host a chili cookoff for everyone. New members in the 2022 and the 2023 seasons are exempt from bringing a side or dessert, because this potluck will be all about them. We are going to celebrate them and make sure they start out with the best Carter Lake Sailing Club welcome possible. Look for details to come in an email when the date gets closer.



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### SOCIAL

*(continued)*

We have lots of ideas brewing as to how to keep the good times rolling on the lake this summer. We are hoping to have possibly two – yes, two! movie nights this year. As well as Brunch on the Boats, a Summer Sailstice activity, and plenty of themed potlucks and random celebrations. We would like to get our potluck calendar finalized before the season starts. That way, we can all plan ahead. So, if you have an idea for one, or if you've hosted one in the past and would like to keep the tradition going, please contact one of us and we'll get it on the calendar. The sooner, the better.

Also, our 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary will be coming up in August, and we'll be sure to mark this milestone in a fitting way. We are always open to new ideas and would love your input on how to have as much legal fun as possible this summer, so email any one of us with your ideas.

See you on the lake!

Andrea, Jan, Kelly

Speaking of Social, here are a few shots of our members, enjoying our most recent Fall Banquet.





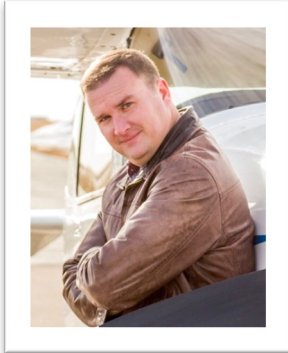
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## WEBMASTER *James Hays* Introducing our new Webmaster!

James and his wife, Jennifer, have lived in Northern Colorado for over 15 years, along with their two daughters, Katelyn and Addison. James owns a software company and is part of a national leadership marketing and development organization.

Shortly after moving to Colorado, James learned how to fly at the Fort Collins/Loveland (Northern Colorado Regional) Airport and has enjoyed using his aircraft to build his businesses. Shortly after Covid, however, he realized that the fast-paced life wasn't as fulfilling as it once was. Flying and sailing have always fascinated him, and in 2021, he learned to sail at the Victoria Sailing School at Carter, earning his ASA 101 and 103 certificates that summer. In early 2023, James purchased a Hunter 260 and is working on 104, 105, and 114 certificates. In addition to flying and sailing, he also enjoys traveling and scuba diving. His true desire, however, is in helping others achieve their dreams and goals and pursue their passions.

James is excited to be a part of the Carter Lake Sailing Community and share these adventures with others.

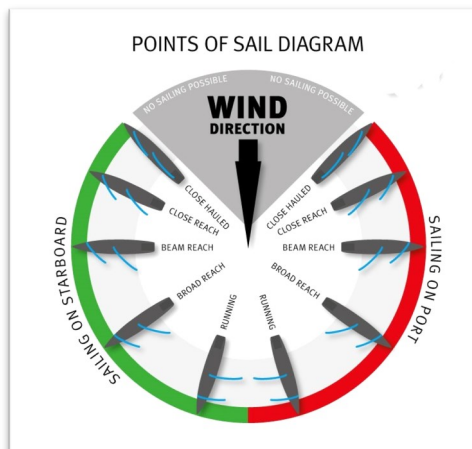


## SAFETY *Craig Huey* Introducing our new Safety Officer



*Photo of Craig and Susan*

Ahoy sailors, This is Craig Huey the newest board member and club safety officer. I have been sailing since Boy Scout days on a sunfish. My current boat is an Olson 30 we bought in Chicago. We really love taking out friends or family and racing when we can get crew. We sailed around Antigua last fall - so ask me anything about that beautiful island someday. Hope to see you out there soon, be safe and have fun!



## CARTER LAKE SAILING CLUB NEWS

### RACING

*Mike Glenn and Nancy VanDeMark*

We are excited for a new season of racing at Carter Lake and hoping to expand participation. The racing schedule is posted on the website and includes a few changes from prior years. There are two club weekend events— the Columbia Cup and McGann Cup in May and October and we will be holding series racing on Saturdays beginning April 22. In addition, we have added some Thursday evening races.

All female sailors who are interested in participating in the Wilson Cup/ Lady Victory event are invited to a planning meeting that will be scheduled over the next few months. The trophy for this event was donated by Mike Wilson, a club member who passed away a number of years ago. The event is intended to promote women in racing at the meeting we will be deciding on the format for the event this year. If you are interested in participating or just learning more about it, contact Nancy VanDeMark - [nrvandemark@gmail.com](mailto:nrvandemark@gmail.com)

As many of you know from the membership meeting, we are working on the feasibility of expanding the club boating membership to include a boat designed for racing. Look for additional opportunities to discuss this in the coming months.

Finally, the Carter Open is scheduled for June 3 and 4. We hope you plan to participate.



### Colorado Sailing Educational and Community Events

What: **Community Sailing of Colorado Gala**  
When: April 8, 2023  
Where: Denver  
More information: [Community Sailing of Colorado](#)

What: **Rocky Mountain Sail 4<sup>th</sup> Winter Seminar**  
When: April 20, 2023  
Where: Denver  
More information: [Sailing Association of Intermountain Lakes](#)

What: **Race Management Seminar**  
When: April 22, 2023  
Where: Denver  
More information: [Sailing Association of Intermountain Lakes](#)

What: **North U Racing Tactics Seminar, Denver**  
When: April 29, 2023  
Where: Denver  
More information: [American Sailing Association](#)

What: **US Sailing International Safety at Sea**  
When: May 20-21, 2023  
Where: Dillon  
More information: [Dillon Yacht Club](#)



## CARTER LAKE SAILING CLUB NEWS

### CLUBHOUSE & GROUNDS

*Art Umble*

It is great to see Spring finally arriving, albeit gradually, for that means we can start digging into the tasks we hope to accomplish in our 2023 season for our beloved Clubhouse. First, I wish to express my sincere gratitude for each of you who spent time working around the Clubhouse grounds during last season. A lot was ticked off our “to do” list. But more remains on our list for this season.

There are several major projects that we hope to complete this season. First will be the wildfire mitigation work around the Clubhouse to remove all vegetative material that could potentially be fuel for a wildfire. We need to complete this work yet while Spring weather is cooler and perhaps wetter. This task is not only important for protecting our assets, but also demonstrates to our County partners that we care about preserving our local environment and property.

Secondly, our EBoard has approved funds to repair a portion of our Clubhouse roof that is currently in disrepair. We acknowledge this is a major effort. But we believe we have it scoped such that it should be doable by club members assuming we have the proper guidance. However, we recognize that if upon further evaluation it is determined that professional expertise is necessary, we have the option of having the work completed by a roofing contractor.

Thirdly, another major project that we need to complete this year is rebuilding the stone steps leading from the north end of the deck to the picnic area, and to rebuild the low-level “retaining wall” along the west side of the camper trailer lane adjacent to our Clubhouse parking area. The key to this is having stray flagstone collected from around the Clubhouse grounds transported up to the wall area. Anyone who has a robust pickup truck would be a huge help in this.

Fourth, last season our members, Steve & Brenda Wood, did an excellent job in replacing portions of rotted sections of wooden benches on our south patio deck. These timber sections need to be painted. These planks need to have a sealer coat (e.g., Kilz) painted on them first, followed by a final exterior white latex paint to seal the wood against the weather elements. Please note that though paint brands exist that contain both sealer and final coat in one mixture, we find that placing the sealer coat on first results in better, longer-term lasting protection of the wood.

Fifth, there is the dirty, yet very necessary job of sweeping out the Clubhouse chimney. Though this could be outsourced to a contractor, we believe it is a task that can be done by club members...just need a good shower afterwards!

Finally, as always, general cleaning of our Clubhouse interior and the exterior patio is a continual need. Many thanks to each member who spent much time and energy last season keeping our Clubhouse clean.

Our club’s planning group has numerous member-events scheduled for the Clubhouse in 2023 and we always want it to be spotless and tidy. It makes us all proud in showing it off to our friends.



## CARTER LAKE SAILING CLUB NEWS

### BOATS

*Tim Gormley*

2023 will be my first year taking care of the club work boats.

Many thanks to Steve and Todd ( and others) that have taken care of the boats for the bazillion previous years and for all their assistance with answering my many questions.

Like every boat or anything else that stays out in the weather all year, there is always lots of ongoing maintenance required to keep them from falling into disrepair.

Some of the maintenance is easily done by anyone; the boats are in constant need of cleaning, washing and waxing. If you are walking by the boats and you need some work hours, feel free to do a little cleaning, washing and waxing.

Some of the maintenance requires some level of skill. There is a lot of canvas/upholstery work that needs to be done, as much of the vinyl on the boats have reached the end of its life and is falling apart. The race flag holder needs sanded down and revarnished.

It seems like there always some small part broken, loose or missing that needs repair on the boats.

Occasionally, there is something that is probably beyond my skill level that needs attention.

Transmission adjustments etc are probably beyond my abilities, but maybe someone in the club is a closet factory trained marine mechanic just waiting to be asked to jump in and help out. Please let me know if this the case!

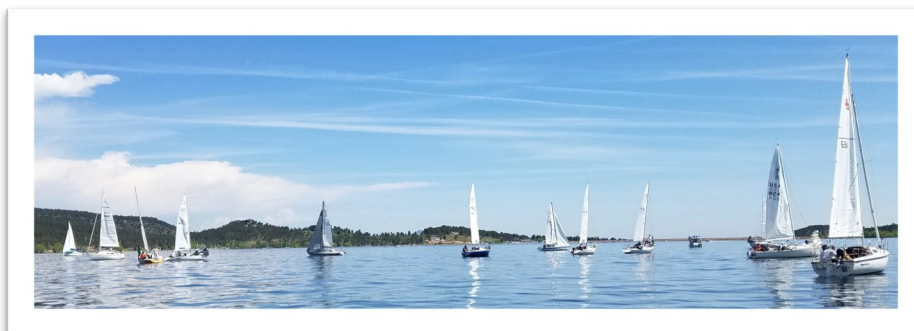
If you notice something amiss on either the Banana Boat or the Trophy, please let me know.

If you use the boats, please make sure they are tied up like you found them or better.

If you want to help out on the boats, I will be putting together a list of tasks in the next few weeks and can get you going on whatever task that you are suited for.

I will be holding a short seminar to go over boat operation early this season.

Unless you are on the short list of qualified boat operators, you will need to attend the seminar to get checked out on the boats and get the lock box code in order to use them. Hopefully, this will help curtail the thousands of dollars in damage done to the boats in previous years, through operator error.





## CARTER LAKE SAILING CLUB NEWS

### CLUB HISTORIANS

*Jackie and Mike Gurley*

#### **SAILING Through 70 Years of History Come Help Plan CLSC's 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration! Saturday, May 6, 2023, 4:30, at the Clubhouse**

Are you ready for an anniversary party? Come to a planning session for the 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Carter Lake Sailing Club on May 6, 2023, before the Chili Cookoff potluck. We will meet at the clubhouse at 4:30 to brainstorm what we want to do for this event. Come with your ideas!

Officially formed on August 20, 1953, the CLSC is the oldest, non-exclusive sailing club in Colorado. It has a rich history of sailing, racing and social events using facilities owned, built, and maintained by countless members past and present. The unique history of the CLSC can be found on [sailcarter.org](http://sailcarter.org), under the *About* tab and the heading *Sailing Through History*. Every member is encouraged to visit [sailcarter.org](http://sailcarter.org) to fully appreciate the history.

How did the CLSC celebrate twenty years ago? Lynn Kieser, long-time member, volunteered to go through all past membership lists to contact and invite every member she could locate. As a result, the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration was attended by approximately 150 past and present members. To get everyone in the mood, I repeat here the summary of events written after that celebration.

#### **CELEBRATING CARTER LAKE SAILING CLUB'S 50 YEARS!**

*Originally published in the Carter Lake Sailing Club LOG, August 16, 2003.* Carter Lake Sailing Club has never been like any other sailing club. Since the days it was known as the Denver Sailing Club, people have been lured by the thought of fine sailing on a clear mountain lake. Even with all the challenges of working to build and maintain the club, some people wouldn't go anywhere else, for the friendships developed along the way made it all worthwhile. Over the years, it was natural that members became interested in the history of the CLSC. Emmy Koehler, the original Recording Secretary, documented the early meetings and completed a first seven-year history in 1960. Commodore Kurt Plache sought a historian in 1972. Commodore Lynda Fromme published a 25-Year History, "A Peek in the Past," in a 1984 LOG article that ended: "Let's make the next 25 years even better with increased *esprit de corps*."

There was some confusion about the true date and details of the founding of the Club when I began collecting history in the mid-1990's. It wasn't until 2003 that the Commodore's Box filled with historical documents was located. As I read Emmy's original notes, I confirmed that the Club was indeed 50 years old, founded as the Denver Sailing Club on August 20, 1953. A celebration was in order and planning for the 50<sup>th</sup> Celebration began.

Volunteers were recruited, plans were made, past membership lists were researched, and invitations were sent. One hundred and seventy-five past and present members were invited to spend the day at the lake, docks and clubhouse to reminisce on the past and appreciate what has been built by sailing enthusiasts.



## CARTER LAKE SAILING CLUB NEWS

### HISTORIANS *(continued)*

Never had such an event taken place in CLSC history. As the day arrived, it became apparent that the idea had caught on as members volunteered for a variety of roles and tasks. By 1:30, boats on the dock were decorated with flags and glitter, and members enjoyed reunions and meeting friends never forgotten. At 2:30, the boat parade began, but floundered in disarray due to the puzzling absence of Commodore Carrie Pfister on the water. Seventeen boats circled, and finally Past Commodore Bill Kieser, long-time member and clubhouse builder, was appropriately declared the leader and encouraged to proceed. The Commodore's prop had failed, and she boarded the Vice-Commodore's boat to join in the procession. Eighteen boats, with flags flowing, circled the lake. Jet skiers and power boats were in awe of the spectacle. At 3:00, several boats could no longer resist the fair southeast winds, and they pulled out of the parade to unfurl sails and return to the slips.



*Bill Kieser takes charge of the boat parade and led 18 boats around the lake on August 16, 2003.*

By 4:00, the party had moved up the hill to the clubhouse. At 5:00. The whole group was treated to an unparalleled feast donated potluck-style by current members. The table bulged and the keg flowed. This is the way it's always been done at the Carter Lake Sailing Club. At 6:00, a brief celebration honored all members past and present, including twelve past commodores. A champagne toast celebrated 50 years in true fashion. Members from the 50's, 60's, 70's, 80's, 90's and the new millennium were

present, but the 80's group soon took charge out on the deck. At 8:00, the party intensified as the 80's group went into high gear. Rasta Bob Bender showed up and led the dancing.

By 8:30, party planners and volunteers were wearing down. You can only have so much fun. By 9:30, the clubhouse was quiet again. Things were back to normal at Carter Lake. Club members and guests were never counted, but they are thought to have numbered 150. The founders of Carter Lake Sailing Club would surely be proud of the continuing legacy of their vision and dreams!



The CLSC Ship Store can set you up to show off your CLSC colors as our club celebrates 70 years of sailing! Hats, burgees, decals. Text requests to 970-231-7061



# CARTER LAKE SAILING CLUB NEWS

## JUNIOR SAILING

*Jeremiah Sailer*



Hello CLSC, I am super excited to kick off this year with an amazing team of folks that we have worked with for the past few years.

I really feel we all have a BIG passion for kids and families to learn sailing through the Junior Program. We have a lot of families signed up for memberships because of our successful program. Our goal this year is to have a legitimate fleet for these kids to maximize their skills and to put us on the map for an amazing camp. I am happy to report that we have a great fleet of boats this year. The boats in our racks will consist of 3 Topaz, 2 Terras, and sunfish boats! We also have a Laser and I personally have our new instructor boat that will hold a few adults and a couple of kids or just a whole lot of kids! It's a Catalina 14.2 and a great boat for all skill sets.

For our 70th year we have cooked up an awesome theme for our camp and regatta. Each year has gotten better and better, so pay attention for the emails with our sign up dates for club kids because we fill up fast!

For those of you with kids or just wanting to learn dinghy sailing, I am going to host a few practice evenings or morning, afternoon practices so clubbers can get familiar with our boats and storage systems. Ill post these dates with good notice as the season warms up.

We are looking for help for our camp with some easy needs and its a great way to get hours and get to know other members. Please reach out if you have any interest in the Jr Sailing program [sailercarpentry@gmail.com](mailto:sailercarpentry@gmail.com)

For all new members, Please come to our orientation coming up. I will be giving an introduction in person so we can get you understanding how the club works and to answer any questions you might have. I am looking forward to this season and always hope it will be the best year yet! 70 years is a big deal so we want to "KNOCK IT OUT OF THE PARK" this year! Can't wait to rip around the lake with all of you.....see ya out there!



## CARTER LAKE SAILING CLUB NEWS

DURING THIS *70<sup>th</sup>* SEASON OF THE CLSC, WE WILL KEEP A PAGE TO SHOWCASE, IN PHOTOS, SOME OF OUR MEMBERS' SPECIAL MOMENTS AND EXPERIENCES FROM OVER THE YEARS! HERE ARE A FEW.



*The Gruver family ham it up during days of festivities celebrating Taylor's graduation from the USCG Academy in New London, CT*



*Jason Hanford and crew of his Corsair F-27 Trimaran, raced the grueling WA360 sailboat race in the northern Pacific, shown here during a gathering at Carter Lake*



*The Crowleys have a beach break during their sailing trip off the coast of Maine on the Schooner, LaDona*



*The Rogers' sailed across the Gulf, to the Keys, and on to the Exumas, Bahamas and back, on their own Catalina 36 MKII*



*Several members, including Pam Froemke and Jeff Postek, have raced on the big boats during Antigua Race Week*

