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

### FROM THE HELM

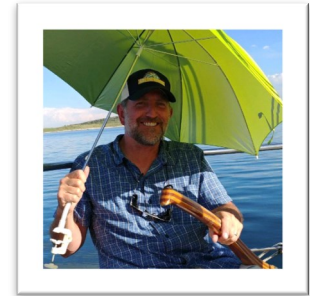
*John Clarkson, Commodore*

Ahoy Mateys!

This sailing season has been nothing short of a maritime delight! The lake's brimmin' with water, and the landlubbers are settlin' in for some camping fun. Smiles as bright as the North Star are spreadin' all around, while the racers are showin' their mettle on the waves and savorin' hearty hamburgers fit for a sailor's appetite. The Thursday evening sails have struck a chord with all, makin' quite the splash!

Arrr, but we're not done yet! We've still got half the season ahead to chart new courses and enjoy the journey together. Before we set sail, I raise me grog to all ye members whose spirit and dedication make this club a treasure trove of fun and success!

Lookin' ahead, mark your charts for the 70th Anniversary Celebration on Saturday, August 19th. Clear your calendars, me hearties, for it promises to be a weekend that'll go down in maritime history! And as we head into the months of August and September, brace yourselves for a flurry of activity at the club. Keep a weather eye on the club calendar for all the swashbucklin' adventures comin' yer way!



### HAPPY *70<sup>th</sup>* BIRTHDAY CLSC

On Saturday, August 19th, we will celebrate our sailing club's 70th birthday!

We are hosting both CLSC Alumni and current members for a day of festivities!

**See page 2 for all of the details and schedule for the festivities!**

*Be sure to sign our commemorative poster at the clubhouse!*



## CARTER LAKE SAILING CLUB NEWS

### CELEBRATION EVENT SCHEDULE CURRENT AND PAST MEMBERS INVITED!

SATURDAY, AUGUST 19, 2023

*May fair winds and calm seas  
Bring you back to Carter Lake  
For food, fun, and memories!*

Friday, August 18: No events, but the 70<sup>th</sup> planning team will be preparing at the clubhouse.  
Current and past members are welcome to stop by to visit if you're at the lake!

Saturday, August 19:

Welcome at the Clubhouse, **12 pm**

View historical displays and artifacts.

Visit the Ship's Store for CLSC Swag. *(cash, check or Zelle)*

Founders Day Fun Race at the Docks, **1:00 pm**

Members take past members out for a fun time on the water, either racing or watching the fun.

Visit and watch from the docks.

Time-to-Visit Happy Hour at the Clubhouse, **3-5 pm**

CLSC will provide snacks and beverages.

Guests and members are welcome to bring favorite beverages.

Celebration Dinner, **5:00 pm**

CLSC will provide main dish and dessert.

Members please bring an Appetizer (Last name A-H) or

Summertime Side (Last name G-Z).

After dinner presentations:

Past members and commodores.

Founder's Day Fun Race awards.

*Reminder: All guests will be responsible for a Larimer County Parks vehicle permit.*



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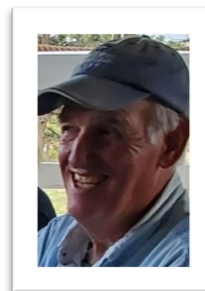
### VICE COMMODORE *John Pumfrey*

"Once again I would like to say a big thank you to all the folks who helped make the 2023 Regatta a great success - despite the angry weather gods on Sunday.

With a robust number of regatta participants this year and the growing success of the Thursday racing and burger night events, maybe racing is not dead at Carter Lake. We should all consider ideas on how we can nurture this growth, maybe tapping into the enthusiasm shown by our junior sailors.

Thanks to Nina's efforts we do have a few Regatta shirts available from the Ship's Store. Like your old Pink Floyd T-shirts - these will become cherished items in your wardrobe so get them now.

On a personal note - if anybody happens to be in the water around the north slips - please take a look under Blue Columbine to see if you can determine why the swing dagger board refuses to lower. I suspect it is either jammed with large crabs or more likely my last season's fiber glass repair has bloated.



### MEMBERSHIP *Mike Gurley*

I would like to thank Pam Froemke for the job she did as Membership Chair. Pam has retired from the membership chair and is looking forward to new horizons.

Needing a new challenge, I volunteered to take the Membership Chair, a position I've wanted to do for several years.

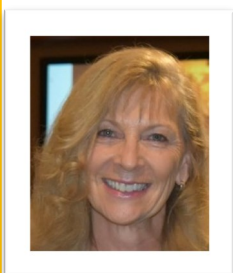
I have been a member of the Carter Lake Sailing Club for many years, just thinking it has been almost half my life. Over the years I have held many positions in the club either chair or co-chair.

In February we will have our annual Membership meeting. Place and date will be announced when I find a venue. Members are encouraged to attend, especially new members.

'Looking forward to serving the club in the position of Membership.



### SOCIAL *Andrea Mann*



Despite the afternoon storms, we've had a fun summer with more to come. With the ever-popular Cheeseburger in Paradise and the newly minted Rasta/Reggae Night behind us, we can still look forward to our 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration on August 19<sup>th</sup>, and then on to Irish Night on September 9<sup>th</sup>, Italian Night on September 16<sup>th</sup>, and we'll keep it going with Rock 'n Roll Night on September 23<sup>rd</sup>. Last but not least will be Oktoberfest on October 2<sup>nd</sup>.

We are hoping to get a movie night in but logistics this year are a little tricky regarding equipment and of course, the weather. So, rest up! We still have a lot of partying to do!

Mark your calendars, our Fall Banquet will be held on Saturday, November 11<sup>th</sup>. The location is still to be determined.



## CARTER LAKE SAILING CLUB NEWS

### HISTORIANS – CLSC 70TH

*Jackie & Mike Gurley*

#### CELEBRATING 70 YEARS OF SAILING HISTORY

On August 19, 2023, The Carter Lake Sailing Club celebrates 70 years of continued focus on sailing recreation in the oldest sailing club of its kind in Colorado. Current and past members are invited to come to Carter Lake to share food, fun and memories.



Seventy years ago, August 20, 1953, sailing enthusiasts on Sloan’s Lake, Denver, Colorado, held the first official meeting of the Denver Sailing Club. Thirteen members attended and paid dues of \$1 each. Officers were elected and by-laws were adopted.

By the end of 1953, club plans had begun to include a lake seventy miles north. Otto Koehler, founding member, had heard about a new reservoir, Carter Lake, that would be half-full by summertime. He emphasized the chance of leasing a lot from the government with the possibility of building a club house there. While Carter was a distance away, the dropping water level at Sloan’s Lake made “Let’s give Carter a trial!” the club slogan. As soon as the government notified members the lake was open to boating, the group launched three boats on Carter Lake for a race on Labor Day, 1954.

The rest, as they say, is history. (Find a detailed history on the [sailcarter.org](http://sailcarter.org) main page under the About tab.) The club grew over the years, but remained unique in that members were committed to remaining a working club, financing, building, maintaining, and improving the clubhouse and docks facilities as well as sponsoring races and social events. The shared vision and camaraderie of those early members laid a foundation of “All For One and One For All”, building an enduring willingness to share the work and cost and ultimately the enjoyment.





## CARTER LAKE SAILING CLUB NEWS

### CLUBHOUSE & GROUNDS *Art Umble*

As our 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration approaches, preparing the grounds around the Clubhouse has been a priority. Some of these activities are things on our annual list of maintenance items, while others are unique to this season. On August 5<sup>th</sup>, a workday was held at the Clubhouse to attack a number of these priorities, and attack we did!! Over the course of the day, ten volunteers braved the heat and worked hard at tasks that were not easy. Here's a rundown of what was completed during the workday.

A consequence of the above-normal spring and early summer rains, a significant amount of stone cover in the parking area was washed out, and the drainage swales alongside the roadway experienced significant erosion. During the workday, **ten** tons of crushed stone were spread onto the washed out and eroded areas to restore integrity to the grounds. A huge thanks goes out to Matt, Aaron, Jeff, and Tom for their herculean efforts with shovels, 5-gallon buckets, and a hugely useful wheelbarrow (provided by Steve Wood) to spread this material.



Keeping the grounds mowed and free of fast-growing weeds around the clubhouse is an on-going challenge. A special thanks again to Matt for bringing his mower and taking on this task during our workday. Furthermore, Matt spent significant time with a weed whacker clearing away a lot of the weeds along the walkways, parking areas and deck. Great work, Matt!

For some years now, the tool storage shed has been accumulating lots of “stuff”, ranging from containers of nuts, bolts, screws, nails, etc., to tubs of ropes and lines, to half-full paint cans, to chains, to sets of wrenches, and other tools. Many of these items remain useful to the Club, while others are well beyond useful life. To this end, Andrea Mann took on the great challenge of clearing out the shed, cleaning off the shelving, preparing it for a return and reorganization of the usable materials. Great work, Andrea!!

And that's not all Andrea did during the workday. She took on the challenge of cleaning the dirty latrine stalls to a much-improved sanitary level. Thank you, Andrea, as this was greatly needed.

The need to keep our deck railings protected from the elements with paint is a never-ending, annual activity. Mark & Sandy Parkins, Jeni Umble and Brenda Wood provided the elbow grease of scraping away much of the old paint and brushing on with new. Super work, all !



# CARTER LAKE SAILING CLUB NEWS

## CLUBHOUSE & GROUNDS *Continued*

Another seemingly on-going task is replacement of wood boards on our deck's permanent seating areas. Over time, the boards become warped, and rotted as a result of their exposure to the elements. Steve Wood has been doing a fantastic job at gradually getting these replaced over the past year, and at the workday, Steve replaced more of the rotted pieces on the south deck. SO WELL DONE, Steve!!!



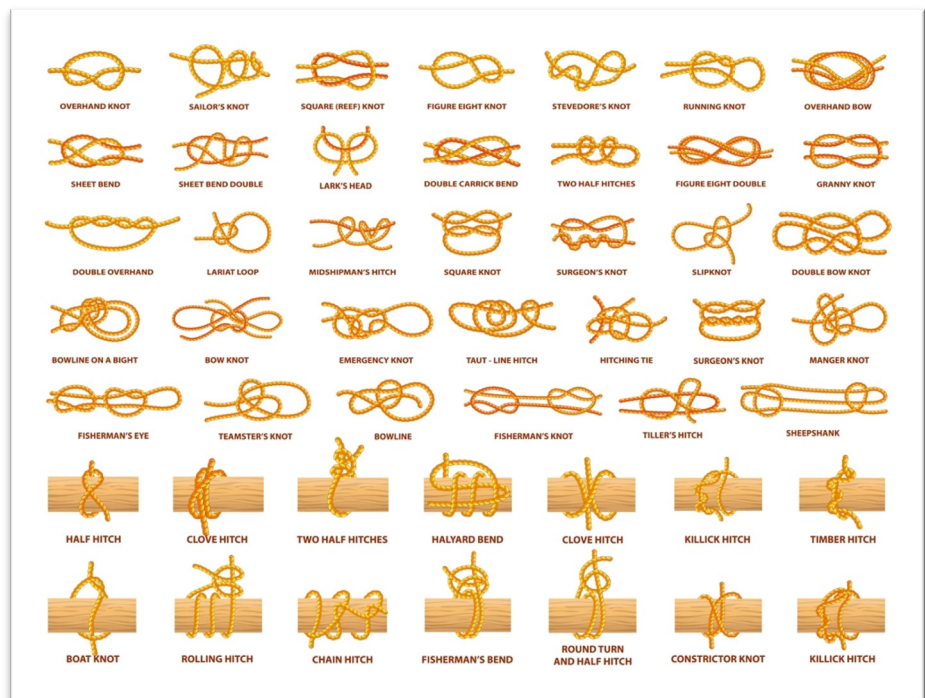
In past months, a number of you have noted the water heater below the kitchen sink has seen its better days. To that end, a shout goes out to Mike McCaul and Susan Albern for putting their plumbing and electrical skills to work by replacing the old water heater with a new, "21<sup>st</sup> Century", tankless water heater with remote control!!! Thank you so much, Mike and Susan!

In all, the workday was successful on many fronts. A heartfelt thanks to each of you for the efforts you put out during that day.

## DOCKMEISTER *Bill Fritz*

Mark your calendars: We are taking docks out on October 21st. It is in the calendar as well. Weather back up is the 22nd or the 28th.

## HOW WELL DO YOUR KNOW YOUR KNOTS ?



## CARTER LAKE SAILING CLUB NEWS

### RACING

*Mike Glenn*

We have had a good racing season at Carter Lake this year, with both racing on Saturdays and a new addition of dingy racing on Thursday nights. The number of racers on Saturdays have been lite, with 3-5 boats participating on Saturdays. We would love to get more boats off the docks and racing.

Participation on Thursday nights have increased with 9 boats and 15 people at the last event. Thursday nights will continue at least through August as long as interest continues. It is a great way to have family time on the water. Many people have had great experiences so far this year.

For Saturday racing events without potlucks, we have been having \$3 hamburgers after racing. This has been very popular and we will continue this tradition during the fall. It is a great way to discuss racing tactics and improve your racing ability.

We had a good turnout for the Carter Lake Open Regatta on June 3 & 4 with 19 boats competing in 4 classes. Racing was only held on Saturday, with rain and lack of wind preventing racing on Sunday. Even with only one day of racing, it was still a great event for all. Thanks to everyone who volunteered to help with the regatta!

We are having a fun race for the 70<sup>th</sup> CLSC Anniversary celebration. The race will start at the docks and proceed around mark 7 and back to the docks. See the sailing instructions for the complete set of rules.

**\*\*Other Regattas around Colorado and Beyond\*\***

The annual Aspen regatta was held on July 15 & 16 with several CLSC racers participating. The regatta is memorable as everyone camps at the yacht club with activities Friday, Saturday and Sunday evenings. They include a live band and a catered dinner on Saturday night with dancing. The regatta had 6 classes with 28 boats participating. CLSC racers finished 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> in the J-22 class.

Sailors from Colorado were represented at the Santana 20 Nationals in Eugene, Oregon with 3 boats participating. Eugene, with only a population of 200,000 people, has a unique yacht club that boasts 219 members with roughly 150 boats. We attend a typical Thursday evening race with over 30 boats on the water and over 100 people having hamburgers after racing. The Santana 20 Nationals is the third national event held by the club this year.

Several other Colorado clubs are holding regattas this fall including Dillon, Cherry Creek, and Chatfield.





## CARTER LAKE SAILING CLUB NEWS

### JUNIOR SAILING *Jeremiah Sailer*

Hello CLSC, we had another great sail camp this summer! We had 25 kids sign up and put through camp with 24 on our waiting list. A huge thank you to all of our volunteers who work so hard to help put this on, we could not have done it without you! This year did not disappoint and we had full days of sailing with decent breeze.

This season we started off with 1 full day of orientation and instruction so that we could focus on 3 full days of sailing. This was key to our success with the kids. Most kids were outside of the club and first time sailors. By the end of camp these kids were challenging each other on the race course.

Thursday night dinghy races have paid off for Bergen and Troy. They have worked so hard on their skills and focus on racing and put on a great show at this year's regatta taking the CUP! I am so proud of all of our kids who participated in the Jr Regatta. We had 12 boats and 20 kids entered for our regatta this season which is our best yet. We awarded 8 teams who raced 6 different races from 10:30 am -2:00 pm. Thank you to those who came out in the boats to support and watch the kids sail. I know we are spreading the excitement for sailing in our community and we are definitely getting sign ups for new families to join our club.

Come out Thursday nights as we host practice dinghy races. Its a great way to join in or watch and if you are up to it .... take on a Jr challenger, they are eager!





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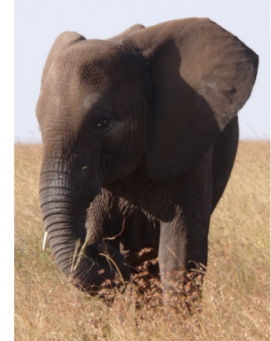
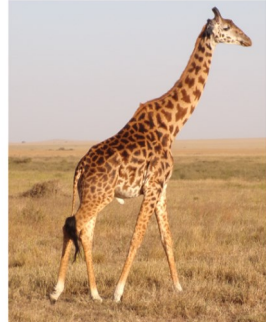
### CREW NOTES

In April, **Jeff Slutz** made his inaugural sail in the USVI as skipper of a bareboat charter (with a crew of four friends) on a 43-foot Dufour 430 monohull.



The **Clarkson family**, John, Whitney, Kenyan and Tristan, just returned from a three-week trip to Africa, and two amazing experiences. First, they successfully summited

Mount Kilimanjaro at 19,340 ft, spending a week above the clouds with their guide team, on an exhilarating climb to its peak. After climbing the volcano, they spent another week in the heart of the Serengeti National Park on safari. Witnessing the incredible wildlife in their natural habitat was a once-in-a-lifetime experience.



**Tom and Andrea** enjoyed a Viking cruise in the Baltic this past June.

*In their own words:* We spent the summer solstice in Copenhagen with lots of daylight. We spent a few days in Stockholm and made several stops including Gdansk, Aland, Visby and Berlin. Tom is ready to move to Stockholm. I told him I would come to visit from May to September, but after that the days would be too dark for me.

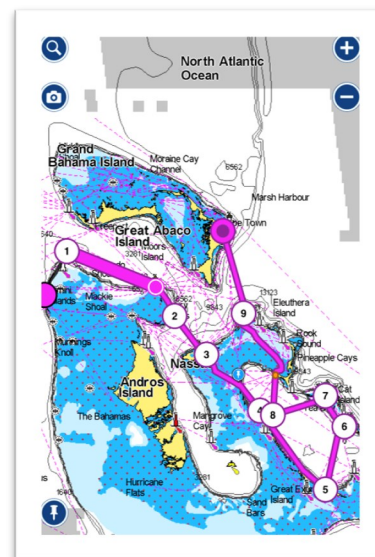


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### CREW NOTES

*Continued*

**Angela and Adam Jaspers** sailed their Tayana (s/v Kairos) to the Bahamas and returned by way of Annapolis, where she is berthed. Quite an extraordinary adventure that covered about 1700 miles from November to July. (*Looks like Eric Nakos joined as crew for part of this voyage!*)



**Bev and Steve Johnson** went on a camping road trip of about 5K miles, through the Midwest to retrace family roots. Stops included Devil's Tower, Mt Rushmore, Bena, MN and Macinac, White Lake, MI (Bev's hometown), and on to Toronto and the Royal Canadian Yacht Club, New York and Niagara Falls, catching up with friends along the way. A major highlight was the renowned Osh Kosh Air Show.



### HAPPY TRAILS, UNTIL WE SAIL AGAIN!

We *reluctantly* bid farewell to Dawn & Kim Robinson and their son, Gage, who will soon claim Stuart, Florida as their home port! We have enjoyed your loyal friendship, jokes (Kim) and years as truly active, involved and enthusiastic sailing club members and dock mates! *You will be missed!*





# CARTER LAKE SAILING CLUB NEWS

## AT THE HELM



A special shout out to Jackie Gurley, who again, “took the helm” - this time, of the CLSC 70th Planning Committee, navigating us toward what will be a great celebratory day at the club on Saturday, August 19th!

*Thanks, especially from the “70th Planning Committee Volunteers”:* Laura Brown, Melissa Crowley, Bonnie Germain, Andrea Mann, Jan Poulsen, Nina Rogers, Suzy Rubin.

*REMINDER that the Ship Store will be at the clubhouse during the 70th festivities on August 19th with the new CLSC Club Tee available for purchase. (Graphic pictured below) as well as hats, decals and burgees.*



## ALONG THE WAY...



*Crews gather post Lady Victory*



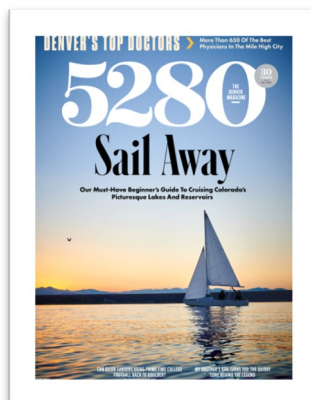
*Reggae hosts  
Jim, Joe, Janine & Kelly*



*Andrew Watson & Crew at the firepit*



*Jim & Kelly take a Sunfish sail*



*Be sure to check out the great article on sailing by Jay Bouchard that is featured in the current issue of 5280 Magazine!*

*Carter Lake and our own CLSC are mentioned!*





## CARTER LAKE SAILING CLUB NEWS

### HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW THE PARTS OF A SAILBOAT?



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



*Circa 2004 Sock Burning, a late winter sailors' ritual is occasionally held at the CLSC firepit.*



*Look closely! Recognize anyone? From our 50th Fall Banquet in 2003*



*Circa 2008: Rogers, Johnsons, Hoisingtons & Morgans at the Mark Mulligan Concert in Elizabeth, CO*

*Editor's note: That's a wrap for this issue of our newsletter.*

*Members are always encouraged to send along your stories, boat news, photographs, travels, and anything informative and ideally sailing-related that would be of interest to our membership for future editions of this publication.*

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