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Carter Lake Sailing Club Newsletter



From the Commodore

John Pumfrey

It is an exciting time to be a member and Commodore of the Carter Lake Sailing Club. Thanks to the good fortitude and initiative of our members, we have programs and activities that should drive the club in an exciting direction.

Thanks to the passion of Jeremiah Sailer and all his volunteers, I believe this year's Junior Sailing camp was the best ever. Even more importantly, the Club plans to build on this initial transfer of skills to the kids through a series of other activities throughout the year. This coupled with planned expansion of the dinghy use for adult club members represents an exciting future for this club. (Check out article on Page 11 and read the email you received from Linda Kroll about the Adult Dinghy Sailing Camp.)

The hard work and enthusiasm of our members help your Board steer the club in a direction that continues to meet the needs of both seasoned and new members. To keep the Club thriving, please share ideas you have for the Club--and please continue to step forward to support these activities.

This is YOUR Club. Let's keep the momentum going!

Important Dates

July 12 - Junior Member Practice, Courtesy Dock, 4:30 - 7 p.m.

July 13 - Reggae Night potluck, social hours starts at 5:30 p.m.

July 26 & 27 - Adult Dinghy Sailing Camp

July 27 - Pirate Night potluck, social hours starts at 5:30 p.m.

Aug. 4 - Double-handed (formerly called Jack 'n' Jill) Race)

Aug. 17 - Italian Night potluck, social hour starts at 5:00 p.m.

Aug. 23 - Junior Members Practice, Courtesy Dock, 4:30-8:30 p.m.

Aug. 24 - An Evening Under the Star (stargazing, telescopes, s'mores bar & cocktails, 8-11 p.m.)



2024 Junior Sailing Camp a Rousing Success

Ask any camper his/her opinion of CLSC's 2024 Junior Sailing Camp, June 18-22, and you would have been rewarded with a big smile and lots of positive comments.

Campers spent their first day at the Clubhouse where they learned in small groups and rotated through nine Learning Stations led by CLSC volunteers. Each station covered a different topic: safety, knots, rigging, docking, land drills, points of sail, weather, seamanship and sailing terms.

On Wednesday, campers reviewed each of the station topics, then trekked to the Courtesy Dock where they received hands-on instructions for docking and sailing. Although the weather was a bit chilly, excitement was high, as this was the campers' first day on the water. Once boats were rigged, campers were out in the Club dinghies for three to four hours practicing what they had learned in class.



Thursday was devoted to reviewing Learning Stations, practicing rigging and docking and then spending four to five hours on the water. In addition to following the leader on the water, volunteers in nearby boats encouraged campers and provided sailing instructions for a particular situation.

More fine tuning of sailing skills was on tap on Friday. Campers really got into Pirates of the Caribbean, a game lead by lead instructor Jeremiah Sailer.

A camp highlight, the Junior Sailing Regatta, kicked off around 10 a.m. on Saturday and concluded around 2 p.m.

The campers participated in five races. Winners of the Regatta were announced at the evening potluck, Cheeseburgers in Paradise, at the Clubhouse. (See results of Junior Sailing Regatta on Page 5.)





Junior Sailing Camp

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“Junior Sailing Camp was a huge success, and a big part of that success goes to our Club volunteers,” stated Jeremiah. “Planning this camp started months ago, and Club members pitched in from the very beginning. The amount of before-camp-happens activity is unbelievable. A special ‘thank you’ to Denise Pearson for all of the administrative tasks she handled behind the scene.”





Campers in yellow caps and volunteers in red caps

Thank You to Junior Sailing Camp Volunteers

Junior Sailing Director & Instruction Lead: Jeremiah Sailer

Administrative Lead: Denise Pearson

Dock Lead: Lindsey Beasley

Learning Station Leaders: Bruce & Laura Brown, Sid & Bonnie Germain, Bryan Davis, Lindsey Beasley, Jeremiah Sailer, Will Hodges, Carl & Emily Baldwin and John Krueger. Roaming Assistance provided by Mark Boyter.

First Aid Station/Tent City Lead: Jackie Gurley

On-the-Water Assistance: John Krueger, Walt Grady, Mike Gurley, Linda Kroll, Mark Boyter, Bruce Brown, Will Hodges, Laura Brown and Patty Davis.

Volunteers serving in other capacities: Bruce & Laura Brown, Sid & Bonnie Germain, Laura Mersich, Carl & Emily Baldwin, Jonathan & Chrystal Cocek, Dave & Brynn Manzella, Eric Lundquist, Mike Gurley, Kelly Peterson



And the Winners of the Junior Sailing Regatta Were...

- 1st Place: Troy Cocek
- 2nd Place: Jonathan Otte & Eric Otte
- 3rd Place: Kenzie Cain
- 4th Place: Willow Beck & Lydia Otte
- 5th Place: Sutton Syres & Bergen Manzella
- 6th Place: Henry Ornitz & Oskar Lundquist
- 7th Place: Saige Beck & Ainsley Tolson
- 8th Place: Will Tirpak & Anderson Windfey



Third-place winner, Kenzie Cain, with Jeremiah Sailer, CLSC Junior Sailing Chair



Second-place winners Jonathan & Eric Otte flanked by Jeremiah Sailer



First-place winner Troy Cocek celebrates with Jeremiah Sailer



Jeremiah recognized Junior Sailer Maggie Waldburger for her character, maturity and friendship.



First-time campers



Join the Fun on Thursday Evenings

Thursday evening sailing and fun racing on Carter Lake started last year and continues to grow and gain momentum. And there's room for more members to join the fun! The good news is that you don't have to own a boat to participate in Thursday evening sailing.

The Club has one Capri 14 and several one-person dinghies that Club members are welcome to use at no cost. Nemo, the Club's Capri 14, requires a reservation but the dinghies that are available on the Courtesy Dock are on a first-come-first-served basis every Thursday evening, as well as any other day of the week.

"We typically have several Club member-owned Capri 14s on the lake on Thursday evening, and these Club members often have room for an another person or two if anyone wants to sail in a Capri," states Jim Foy who coordinates Thursday evening's sailing and fun racing.

"The dinghies stored on the Courtesy Dock and Nemo are there for our members, and I would highly encourage Club members to get checked out and take advantage of this free membership benefit. That said, bring your own life jacket as wearing a life jacket is a safety must."

Thursday evening sailing and fun racing will be happening every Thursday evening from now through early October. Boats begin gathering 4:30 or so, with boat numbers increasing as people get off work and meander to the lake.

Launch your own boat at the County Boat Ramp, borrow a Club boat or take your boat out of its slip and join the fun!



Path Features New Solar Lights

If you take the path that meanders down the hill from the Clubhouse to the road then on to the large parking lot, you will now notice little solar lights in the shapes of butterflies, dragonflies and hummingbirds roughly three feet apart. After dark, you can simply follow the multi-color lights to find your way back to the Clubhouse.

Beware, however, that the path is rocky.



Race to Improve Sailing Skillset

Ask Club members who race and you'll quickly discover that one key advantage of participating in races at Carter Lake is that racing helps you become a better and more proficient sailor.

"Racing hones your skills in boat handling, tactics and decision-making under pressure," states Mike Glenn, Co-Chair of the Race Committee. "It teaches you to read the wind, clouds and other environmental factors more effectively. The competitive environment pushes you to continuously improve and adapt, fostering a deeper understanding of both your boat and the racing rules.

"Racing simply helps make you a better sailor. If you are planning a trip the Caribbean or another location, participating in racing will improve your sailing skills and better prepare you for your dream vacation."

Before racing, Mike urges you to take the time to know the rules of racing. The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) provide a clear framework for safe and fair competition. Since these rules are updated every four years, staying current is essential.

While all rules are important, individuals who race should be in-the-know regarding three basic rules of racing: right of way, mark rounding and penalties. Resources such as the US Sailing website (<https://www.ussailing.org/>) and rule book and other resources can help you learn the rules. Bryan Willis and Dave Perry have written excellent books that go through different scenarios to teach you the rules and the back of the book contains the actual rules.

Dave Perry, the North U website (<https://northu.com/>) and other resources have online tutorials and classes to help you learn the rules. CLSC and the Denver sailing community also occasionally host workshops and seminars that provide valuable insights and practical knowledge. Engaging with these resources can significantly boost your understanding and application of the rules.

Want to know more about racing on Carter Lake? Reach out to Racing Co-chair Mike Glenn and Nancy VanDeMark or other racers.

Membership Numbers 100+

Membership in CLSC has surpassed 100. Of our Club's 103 memberships, 27 are introductory memberships and six are full memberships. Three of the six new full memberships joined so they could have a Boating Membership and sail Kokopelli.

It's exciting to watch the Club grow. Taking on a task with fellow Club members while getting your volunteer hours is a great way to integrate into the Club.



Clubhouse Committee Report

Art Umble

The 2024 season has brought a number of new challenges for the upkeep and well-being of our Clubhouse, and a number of our members have put in some value time and effort to address these.

The season began with difficulties getting our potable water source open and flowing to the Clubhouse. Following investigations into a number of possible reasons for the lack of water, the problem was identified: a valve associated with where our Clubhouse source connects to the County's water main supply for the park. A big shout out to Todd Rogers, Jim Foy and John Krueger for the time and effort spent to track down and resolve the issue.

Secondly, mice seem to find much satisfaction in using our Clubhouse to support their living habits. We continue to seek the best methods--scent packs, traps, and a sonic device--to curtail their satisfaction. So far, these methods seem to be serving us well. It is important that we remain vigilant as these dudes will test us for the entire season.

Thirdly, the kitchen water heater replaced in 2023 is not compatible with our Clubhouse electrical system. Therefore, to be compliant with current codes and still have the capability to deliver hot water for kitchen use, we are replacing the heater with a different one that has a rating compatible with the existing amperage breakers and wiring.

Different from the "on-demand" hot water delivery type of heater, this replacement will be a tank-type unit which requires a short period of pre-heating of the water before it is ready to use. We expect the new unit to be ready for service by the end of June. A big thanks to Steve Walker and Rob Harris for their time and efforts put forth to address this need.

Three more big "Thank You's" go to. . .

- Mike McCall for the excellent work on resetting the cabinets above the kitchen sink. The cabinets are now secure and able to hold the weight required.

- Steve Walker for completely re-plumbing the piping under the kitchen sink to eliminate all the chronic leaking issues we have had over the years.

- Jeni Umble for providing the pathway from the Clubhouse to the main road with solar lighting to illuminate during evening and night hours. This greatly improves safe passage during dark periods.

A nice touch to the Clubhouse is the decorative ropes placed on the parking lot bollards. Keeping things spiffy at CLSC!



Social Committee Report

Andrea Mann

The Club has two potlucks behind us: Cinco de Mayo and Cheeseburgers in Paradise. Thank you, Suzy and Gary Rubin and their Cinco de Mayo, for kicking off the season. Thanks also to Denise and Mike Pearson for their ever-popular Cheeseburgers in Paradise. The event proved that there's a little bit of "Parrot Head" in all of us.

The Club calendar on the Club website has been updated and includes all the fun happenings your Social Committee has been working on. Just click on the event and you'll see as many details as we have at this time.

Three Club socials are on tap for July and August: Reggae Night potluck on Saturday, July 13; Pirate Night potluck on Saturday, July 27; Italian Night potluck on Saturday, Aug. 17; and "An Evening Under the Stars" on Saturday, Aug. 24. "An Evening Under the Stars" is a new event that includes star gazing, a s'mores bar, cocktails and telescopes. Yes, we will actually be looking at the stars.

Race Committee Report

Michael Glenn

One of the key responsibilities in racing is ensuring the safety and fairness of all participants, and following the rules of racing helps to ensure safety and fairness. If another boat has not adhered to the rules of racing and you need to protest—then protest. Protesting is not about creating conflict. Protesting is a right and a responsibility that helps keep the sport enjoyable and just for all participants.

Protests are a normal part of racing and are meant to uphold the rules—not to single out individuals. Protesting is about maintaining the integrity of the race and the safety of everyone involved. I have personally learned the most about racing rules from protests. I have been protested many times, and I have protested the top Colorado racers, winning the protests on multiple occasions.

If you're being protested, use the experience to better understand the rules and improve your sailing skills. If you are protested and learn that you failed to follow the rules, apologize to the boat that protested your action. That's good sportsmanship!

Additional important racing items:

- If you know you broke the rules when racing, do your turns on the water.
- Do not intimidate other racers on or off the race course. Intimidation is poor sportsmanship—and winning through intimidation is not winning.

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Race Committee Report

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·If you are racing and another boat shouts to alert your crew to a situation, adjust accordingly. There is no excuse for failing to follow the rules of racing and taking the proper action in a race. That said, both boats should always avoid a collision.

·If you find yourself on the receiving end of a protest, don't take the protest personally.

Protest, Post Race Interaction Boosts Learning Curve

Do not hesitate to protest if you see a rule violation. A protest serves as a learning opportunity for the sailor in question and the entire fleet

If you opt not to file a protest or if you are uncertain about a rule or situation, talk to other people in the club and review the rules. Learn from the experience.

Post racing banter is a perfect opportunity to get tips from other racers. This can include the rigging comparisons, trimming advice or a review of relevant rules. Participating in these conversations or pulling aside another race with a question is one of the best ways to learn with a fresh example.

Sailing is a self-enforcing sport, and you are expected to play fairly by the rules. Engaging with the protest process, including hearings and discussions, provides valuable insights into the intricacies of sailing regulations.

Adult Dinghy Sailing Camp

Want to sail a Club-owned dinghy but not checked out or uncertain how to rig it and get the most out of it while on the water? Then attend CLSC's Adult Dinghy Sailing Camp: Friday, July 26, 6:30-8 p.m., and Saturday, July 27, 9:30 am.-3:30 p.m.

Friday evening will be devoted to academics: water safety, right of way, points of sail and docking. Saturday will be hands on: dinghy rigging, care of the Club-owned boats and instruction regarding sailing dinghies. Supervised sailing to improve your sailing skills will also be part of the day. All members are welcome to bring their own dinghies and join the camp.

"The camp is designed to get members checked out and sailing the Club-owned dinghies," states Linda Kroll, Camp Director. "The Club owns these dinghies so why not enjoy them. Each dinghy is a fun little boat to sail--just ask the kids who participated in the Club's recent Junior Sailing Camp."

If you would like to attend this learning event, please contact Linda directly via phone or text at 720-308-5438.



Rob and Mary Harris--From Power Boat to Sailing

Rob and Mary Harris's love for Carter Lake started in the late 1980s when they were power boat owners. The couple and their four children enjoyed an entire array of water sports on the lake: tubing, slalom skiing, wakeboarding and wake surfing. A sailing trip in the British Virgin Islands in 2002, however, hooked Rob and Mary on sailing.

"It was a great trip to introduce us to sailing," Mary says.

Shortly after that trip, the couple completed a live-aboard lesson to gain sailing credentials and chartered a couple of boats.



They purchased their current boat "Mary Times," a Precision 23, in the spring of 2006—the year after Rob retired from 28-plus years at HP as a EE/Program Manager. As sailboat owners, they quickly joined CLSC and have been members ever since.

Since retirement, Rob and Mary have enjoyed a variety of activities—from owning a senior services business for two years to serving three missions for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints to working a winter at Winter Park in the rental shop and driving the shuttle bus. As the Outreach Specialists for the Church in the Berthoud/Loveland/South Fort Collins area, they interface with local government, education and non-profit leaders and organize an annual Day of Service for about 3,500 members in our area. Mary is also active in several sewing groups including Days for Girls. Rob has been a member of the Larimer County Parks Advisory Board for many years, consulting with the county staff and leadership on how to improve our county parks.

In addition to sailing on Carter Lake, they often paddleboard or kayak. Rob also enjoys biking, and you might even see him biking from their home in Loveland to the lake. Mary joins him on occasion, but is quick to point out that her sewing projects sometimes take higher priority. A couple of times a year Rob participates in a triathlon, so the Carter Lake adventures help him to keep in shape.

Through the years, Rob and Mary's family has expanded to include seven grandkids. The youngest two grandkids live in Fort Collins so they often go to Carter Lake to play in the water, paddleboard, kayak, camp and sail.



Meet First-Year Members Peter & Maria Cabrera

Broomfield residents Peter and Maria Cabrera joined CLSC in January of this year.

“The deep sense of belonging we felt during our first visit is what attracted us to the club,” Maria states. “We appreciate the volunteer program as it is a great way to give back to the club and it makes us feel more connected.”

During the Club’s Open Regatta in early June, Maria crewed on the Club’s Chase Boat while Peter raced.

“Volunteering let me be a part of the Regatta and a team of volunteers,” Maria notes. “I had fun while helping serve a need.”

Peter is an ASA member and has earned the ASA 101, 103, 104, 105, 106, 114 certifications. He has completed a 10-day sailing trip around the British Virgin Islands and a seven-day Advanced Coastal Navigation trip around the San Juan Islands in Washington State. Peter enjoys racing and would love to crew during CLSC races.

Passionate about sailing, Peter is currently working toward his Instructor certification.

“Who knows where the next sailing adventure will take us,” Peter interjects.

After raising three boys, Maria and Peter are empty-nesters. While Peter is pursuing his dream to sail away, Maria enjoys her role as a Travel Agent. Both intend to be an integral part of the Club—enjoying the sailing, comradery and volunteer opportunities.





Craig LoSasso--Reintroduced to Sailing in 2020

"I am lucky to have found Carter Lake and CLSC," states Craig LoSasso. "Although I lived in inland regions all of my life, I was still able to grow up on the water. I have many enjoyable memories of racing Hobie cats in Scouts in some of the large north Texas lakes."

Craig was sidelined from sailing for decades until he and his brother started chartering 45-foot catamarans in tropical destinations in 2020. Enjoying sailing again, he moved quickly to find a boat in the finger lakes of New York state.



"I had such fond memories of sailing fast on those little Hobie cats, but, at my age, I appreciate having a boat I could sleep on, and more importantly, stand up in," Craig said. "Carpe Diem allows me to do both."

Upon joining CLSC, Craig got involved by assisting with rebuilding the Clubhouse stairs and advising on wildfire precautions for the Clubhouse property. Most recently, Craig filled a short-term position as Government Liaison for CLSC, where he flourished in collaborative relationship building with the lake manager and public works supervisor for projects such as the gin pole rope upgrade.

Having a passion for helping people, Craig served as a firefighter/paramedic for more than 23 years, retiring as a Battalion Chief supervising seven fire stations. During his career, Craig finished his graduate degree in Emergency Management, attended the National Fire Academy and was deployed as an Engine Boss to federal wildfires. Craig retired in 2018.

"Raising a son and a daughter as a single parent presents some challenges, and both children have active lives," Craig elaborates. "Carpe Diem allows me to have a refuge for myself—with or without the kids."

Craig's plans for the future include living internationally in five years. In the meantime, his hobby of laser engraving has turned into a full-time commitment.

"I love producing gifts and awards that place a smile on people's faces—and my laser company Double Eagle Designs allows me to do that," Craig explains.

If you attended the 2024 Carter Lake Sailing Club Open Regatta barbecue and awards ceremony at the Clubhouse on June 2, you would have seen pieces of Craig's handiwork. In addition to donating CLSC-engraved coasters and glasses to the Club drawing, Craig's business was the vendor chosen to provide the Regatta awards: wine glasses, Pilsners and beer mugs laser engraved with the Regatta logo and placing.

Craig welcomes Club members to stop in and have a cold drink when he is on Carpe Diem (south dock).



Kokopelli Brought Andrew Watson, Marie Meyers to CLSC

When Andrew Watson and Marie Meyer of Lakewood, Colo., saw a CLSC ad highlighting the Club's Boating Membership and read that the membership provided access to sail Kokopelli, they jumped on the opportunity.



Marie, Kinri, Andrew and René

"Kokopelli seemed like a great way to sail and avoid deciding what boat to invest in," Andrew states. "And it was great—Still is a great deal!"

Andrew and Marie and their two children, Kinri and René, joined CLSC in 2022. They sailed Kokopelli until they found their own boat. Soon to be christened "Joy" after Andrew's "mum's mum," their boat is a J22 that is slipped on the south dock.

At this point in time, Andrew and Marie get to the lake as much as they can. But that time is limited since neither are retired and still have jobs to tend to. Marie runs a youth exchange program and manages the business. Andrew is a water engineer.

As Marie and Andrew transition out of parenting—their children are close to adulthood, they are more into what Andrew calls "the fun stuff." Marie is into gardening and genealogy while Andrew is a hobby guitarist and is into fixing things—"the boat, mainly, seems like!"

The couple points out that CLSC is comprised of a "great group of friendly sailing enthusiasts with lots to teach and happy to share."

"We've had folks loan kit, show us the ropes and patiently help us get onto and off of the water," Andrew states. "CLSC is a happy place to hang out. And, oh, we really enjoy the Club's fire pit."

Until they retire and can travel more, Andrew says they are living vicariously and enjoy hearing all the stories of far-away cruising destinations shared by fellow CLSC members.

"One day we will venture there ourselves," he summarizes.