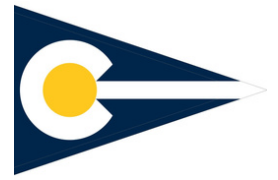


May 2025



Carter Lake Sailing Club Newsletter



From the Commodore

John Krueger

Our winter member-ship meeting is behind us. Your E-board is adhering to the budget approved by our Club. The docks are in thanks to the Club's Dockmeister Bill, Fritz and our hardworking volunteers. Carter Lake is full and open. Now it's time to start enjoying our sailing season.

I want to welcome our new Club members. A great way to become integrated into the Club is to participate in Club volunteer events and to attend Club potlucks. A key crew member on my race boat is a person my wife found out about when volunteering and painting Club picnic tables several years ago. If my wife had not volunteered and talked to this guy's wife, I wouldn't have this crew member who is a good friend.

When you're at a potluck, turn to the people at your table and initiate a conversation. We all have sailing in common--and most people have tales to tell. You might be surprised to discover what else you have in common with fellow CLSC members.

This year the Club had a change of four slips rentals. Those of you new to the Club docks, please introduce yourself to the other sailors on the slip and make them feel at home. On the flip side, repeat slipholders please reach out to those on the docks who you don't know.

With the season kicking into full gear, it's the ideal time to get your volunteer hours in--and make friends.

Important Dates

May 3 - New member orientation

May 3 - First-of-the-season potluck. Start time is when new member orientation ends: 4:30-5ish

May 3 - First race of the Club's Dave Sherrill Race Series. Noon start.

May 31 & June 1 - Columbia Cup race. 1 pm start.

June 7 & 8 - CLSC 66th Open Regatta

June 8 - Regatta Awards Dinner & Celebration, Clubhouse

June 28 - Dave Sherrill Race Series race. 1 pm start.

July 8-11 - CLSC Junior Sailing Camp

July 12 - Dave Sherrill Race Series race. 1 pm start.



Another Successful Dock Put-in in the Books





More Dock Put-in Photos





Thursday Nights Will Soon be Club Dinghy Nights

Thursday Night Dinghy Nights is on again this year. This Club-sponsored activity is designed for Club members who want to get out on the water using the Club's dinghies, improve their skills and enjoy casual sailing using the Club's dinghies. The dinghies are a Club benefit and offered for use to Club members at no cost.

Thursday Nights Dinghy Nights are for all levels of sailors. And members who have their own dinghies are encouraged to bring their dinghies to the lake and participate.

Because the water needs to warm up, no official start date for this activity has been set. But stay tuned as an email will be coming your way once the water is warm enough for safely sailing dinghies.

2025 CLSC Open Regatta, June 7-8

Our Club puts on two events each year that impact the community in a very positive way: Junior Sailing Camps for the younger kids, and our Open Regatta for the big kids! It's the one time we open our doors inviting all-comers to share our home waters and sail with us.

Our 66th CLSC Open Regatta on June 7 and 8 promises to be a fine weekend of sailing. The Regatta is one of the qualifiers for a national event later in the year, so we're anticipating some visitors to give the local fleet some competition. We'd like to show them some Carter Lake hospitality and have a good time while doing so. We're also planning to accommodate the dinghy fleet and get some junior sailors onto keel boats as crew.



*Thank you to Alisa Siedling
for designing this year's
Regatta logo.*

The event is up on the Regatta Network website, and you're encouraged to register there. You can also buy meal tickets and a Regatta shirt there. If you are planning to participate in the Regatta, attend the Saturday celebration and/or want a Regatta shirt, please go online now. Last date to purchase meal tickets and/or a 2025 Regatta shirt is May 19. Place orders now at Regatta Network:

https://www.regattanetwork.com/clubmgmt/applet_registration_form.php?regatta_id=29427

Register your boat and bring your friends sailing. If you do not have a boat and would like to crew but can't find a spot, let Andrew Watson, Regatta Chair, know. He has promised to do his best to hook you up. You can reach Andrew via email at Vicecommodore@sailcarter.

Camp sites have been set aside for those who wish to overnight on site.

Sailors, crew and volunteers are needed to take on the 100 things that go into making the Regatta a success. If you would like to join the army of volunteers, please reach out to Andrew and he will be happy to get you involved. The Regatta needs help in many small ways so even an hour of your time would be appreciated.



Campsites Available to CLSC Members

CLSC has two camping spots for its members to use. Both of these campsites are in the area near the Clubhouse. Campsite use is just \$15 per night with a two-night minimum. Views, peace and quiet, stargazing and wildlife always included!

The Campsite page located within the “Member Portal” tab provides details, policies and all you need to know to have an enjoyable camping experience on our CLSC grounds. Use of CLSC campsites is by advanced reservation, with reservations made on the Club’s website. Questions, contact Club member Nina Rogers via camping@sailcarter.org



Ship Store Open for Business



Want a Carter Lake Sailing Club cap? Or perhaps a CLSC shirt or something to hold your favorite beverage. Or maybe you want a CLSC burgee for your boat. Look no further than our Club’s Ship Store. CLSC-branded caps, men’s and ladies’ shirts and CLSC burgees are at the Clubhouse and ready for purchase.

New this past fall are CLSC beverage containers and coasters.:



- 12 oz. Stainless Steel Polar Camel Stemless Wine Tumbler
- 20 oz. Stainless Steel Polar Camel Pilsner Tumbler
- 32 oz. Polar Camel Water Bottle
- 15 oz. Stemless Wine Glass
- 25 oz. Beer Mug
- 16 oz. Pilsner
- Slate Stone Coaster

Unlike caps, shirts and burgees which will be for sale at all Club potlucks, beverage items and/or coasters require a two-week time frame between time of order and ready-for-you date.

Orders for CLSC beverage items can be placed with Club member Amy Meger either at a potluck or online at the Club website.

Payment for any item from Ship Store can be made via [Zelle Pay](#) or a check made out to “CLSC.” Amy can handle all of this. You can check out prices by going to the CLSC website. Go to the “Member Portal” tab then click on “Ship Store.”



Social Committee Report

Andrea Mann

It's finally spring and your Social Committee is ready! We have some fun things planned. That said, we're always on the lookout for new ideas, so if you have a thought let one of us know. On average we have eight themed potlucks per season, and many of these have become annual traditions. If you'd like to help host one of them or start a new tradition, we can help you or put you in touch with the members who are experts at hosting their signature events. It's a great way to earn work hours.

Our first potluck of the season has been changed from Mexican Night to-- wait for it-- COMMODORE'S FIRST-OF-THE-SEASON potluck. I have it on good authority that our Commodore was born in the decade of the 60s, and his birthday is in close proximity to our first get-together. So, get out those bell bottoms, find that tie-die shirt and the Betty Crocker cookbook and let's celebrate our Commodore's 65th birthday and the first potluck of the season.

This year's Social Committee (The Socialites) members are Kelly Peterson, Jan Poulsen, Sandi Parkins, Jan Morgan, Jan Rhodes, Laura Brown and Andrea Mann.

We're looking forward to meeting new members and catching up with everyone soon.

Membership Chair Report

Mike Gurley

Carter Lake Sailing Club continues to grow and prosper. Currently we have a total of 102 memberships, about 185 adult individuals. Adding in kids, our Club has over 250 individual members.

Applications for membership are slowing down, but historically inquiries increase as the season begins. Compared to 2024, we lost 28 memberships and gained 20 new memberships. Most new members are introductory members. Approximately 60% of members who did not rejoin were Introductory Members. These numbers make sense as the introductory membership is a chance for people to try the club and see if it is right for them. The club is not for everyone.

I get many emails asking for slip availability. I understand that slips in the Front Range are full. We currently have a slip waitlist of eight members.

Many inquiries are people looking for sailing lessons and others looking for a family-oriented sailing club.

The growth in memberships with children is growing. At best guess, our Club includes 66 children. This is likely a low estimate.

Our Junior Program continues to bring in several Introductory Memberships, and several have then joined as full Regular Memberships. A couple of these members have bought boats and are on the slips.



Race Committee Report

Mike Glenn



Ahoy CLSC sailors! The 2025 racing season is here.

From upgraded race committee equipment to exciting regattas and course updates, there's something for everyone this year. Whether you're a seasoned racer or brand new to the fleet, we invite you to join the fun and competition on the water.

We had a fantastic turnout for our Introduction to Racing session on April 12, with around 18-20 sailors participating!

Our gathering was a great way to kick off the racing season and welcome new racers. We'll keep the learning going with a follow-up session on June 21, focused on race tactics. All Club members with even the smallest interest in racing are encouraged to attend.

The 2025 David Sherrill Racing Series starts on Saturday, May 3. The first race is set to start at 12 noon since the Club has New Member Orientation and some of our racers need to attend that meeting.

This noon start is a one-time thing, as all races after this first race will begin at 1 pm.

Starting June 28, we'll offer practice an hour before the main races. That means practice starts will commence at noon with the first race starting at 1 p.m. These practice-start sessions are designed to help new racers who want to build confidence with timing and positioning with their starts.

The Club's 2025 Series is comprised of six races:

- Saturday, June 28
- Saturday, July 12
- Saturday, Aug. 2
- Saturday, Aug. 16
- Saturday, Sept. 6

Whether you're aiming for the podium or just enjoying the breeze, participating in CLSC racing is a great chance to sharpen your skills and sail with friends. You do not have to commit to racing every time the Club has a race.

Join us Saturday and Sunday, May 31 and June 1, for the annual Columbia Cup. This race carries special significance, as the cup itself was donated by Columbia Savings and Loan to celebrate the final payoff of the Clubhouse loan. The Columbia Cup is awarded to the top-performing CLSC skipper. Sail for glory and club tradition!

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Race Committee Report

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Our popular CLSC Open Regatta returns June 7-8. This event welcomes both CLSC members and visiting sailors from across the region. Registration is open now on Regatta Network. Sign up early and come ready for great racing and lake camaraderie.

Course Changes – Start Mark Relocation

To accommodate the potential use of water bomber planes for wildfire response, we're relocating the start mark closer to the docks this season. This change keeps the middle of the lake clear for emergency scooping operations. We're still working with Larimer County to confirm the new location.

Other marks may be adjusted as well. Updated course diagrams will be provided once finalized.

We're excited to announce a new club pontoon boat for the Race Committee and a remote-control start pin system! This upgrade should help us set more perpendicular start lines, giving everyone a better and fairer start to each race.

Two Things You Need to Know:

- Before using the pontoon boat or start pin, members must be checked out by a Race Committee official.
- Please reach out to me or Nancy VanDe Mark if you're interested in helping on race day or learning how to use the new gear.

Whether you're racing to win, racing to improve your sailing skillset or simply want to have a fun afternoon on the lake, you are welcome to join the racing fun on any of the designated Saturdays.

If you have any questions or want to volunteer for races, reach out to the Race Committee. We're always happy to help.





Clubhouse Chair Report

Art Umble

As we prepare for the 2025 Sailing season, there are a number of maintenance activities involving our Clubhouse and the grounds that need attention. On the Club's website you will find a Google Sheets spreadsheet titled "Maintenance List for 2025" under the Volunteer Hours opportunities.

In this spreadsheet you will find three pages. The first page is the interactive activities page that houses the lists of our annual frequent and "one-off" maintenance activities, as well as our special projects we hope to complete this year. These activities provide a variety of opportunities for members to obtain volunteer hours to sustain membership. The second page of the spreadsheet houses some photos of the specific areas where the special projects are focused. The third page shows some sketches of preferred methods for accomplishing several of the more labor-intensive tasks.

If you wish to take on one of the tasks listed, place your name on that row (right-hand column). This simply means that you will be responsible to see that the task gets done. You can do the task yourself, or you can solicit the help of other members to assist you. The more you get involved, the better for the Club and your experience with the Club.

If you want to sign up for one of the special projects, please contact me so that I can cover the details of the work needed. For a number of these, this discussion would best be done at the site, and some of the work needs to wait until the Club has received approval from the Bureau of Reclamation folks. Additionally, some work may require licensed certification from the individual who takes on the task. For these items, please do not commence with the work without notice to proceed from me, on behalf of the E-Board.

Finally, if you identify something that you believe needs to be done that is currently not on the list, please let me know and we can discuss it. No task should be tackled before approval is given. This is particularly true if the task requires funding. The Club has a Clubhouse budget that we must adhere to.

Thank you in advance for all the great work that I know you will achieve this season. Please contact me if you have any questions or comments regarding the details of a specific task.

Boating Membership Chair Report

Mike Gurley

Kokopelli, the Club-owned Capri 22, was rigged and launched on April 12, and is ready for another season of sailing. Our Boating Membership currently totals seven, with the program picking up two new members for 2025.



Junior Sailing Chair Report

Jeremiah Sailer

Volunteers for Junior Sailing Camp answered the call this spring, including strong participation from our junior leaders. Attendance has been extraordinary, and we're thrilled with all the help and planning going into what's shaping up to be another successful camp in July!

CLSC Junior Sailing Camp is on tap for July 8-11, with a regatta and awards on July 12. We currently have 30 kids registered: 18 from our Club and 12 from outside the club. We also have five or so junior leaders signed up to assist our coaches and volunteers. Our week ends with the Club's "Cheeseburgers in Paradise" potluck, where the campers and their families will get great exposure to our Club community.

New Boats & Better Organization

Our new SOL sailboats are on their way and should arrive in a few weeks. A team is being assembled to help move the boats to the courtesy dock. We're also working on strategically numbering all boats and equipment, assigning specific storage spots and adding two new storage boxes for centerboards and rudders.

Our Club will have a weekend soon for anyone interested in learning how to rig the small boats and go over protocols for setup and teardown at the courtesy docks. An email will notify you of the dates.



Youth Race Team - 2025 Season

The Club has formed a Youth Race Team, and this team is gearing up for a great season! We have approximately 18 kids interested in sailing together on Friday evening, with coaching provided by myself and RC by our very own Commodore John Krueger.

Our Friday evening sessions will cover the following:

- Race practice
- Boat handling & techniques
- Strategy sessions

And when the wind is up—just straight-up fun sailing!



Club Historian Report

Jackie & Mike Gurley

In 2003, a Past Commodore gave us the motherlode of original notes and documents confirming the exact date the CLSC was founded. Our goal is to preserve and share the aspirations, challenges and celebrations members have faced throughout the past 72 years which are in spirit, and often in fact, very similar to current Club events.

We stand on their shoulders as we remember and learn from the past as we look to the future of the CLSC.

We are diligently trying to collect photos and information related to the Club's Junior Sailing Program. While we have some information, more requires research and locating photos. If all goes well, the Club's July issue should contain more about our Club's past, including our Junior Sailing Program.

Boat Chair Report

John Krueger



The Club's new pontoon boat is ready for Race Committee (RC) duty.

A big thank you goes to Club member Jim Kuiken for transferring the radio from the old Bayliner RC boat to the new RC boat and for installing a race flag holder on the back of the new boat.

The new RC boat is certainly a step up on comfort from the old RC boat. That said, why not enjoy the new pontoon boat as you volunteer for RC duty. It's a great way to get volunteer hours.

Your e-board plans to have "Trophy," the Club's old Bayliner RC boat, cleaned up, then put up for sale. The Club has one more key use for the boat, and then it will be no longer needed. If you know of anyone looking for a super inexpensive boat, please let me know.



For those of you new to the Club, if you hear a Club member talking about the Club-owned "banana boat," please know that this is an endearing name for our Club's second work boat. No, it didn't come from a tropical island or ever haul a banana. It is simply yellow.

If any Club member knows where the name "banana boat" originated, please share the story.



Kelly Peterson: 'Carter Lake is My Happy Place'



Introduced to sailing by a CLCS member, Kelly Peterson fell in love with sailing. She fell in love with CLSC after attending CLSC events with a friend.

Kelly Peterson officially became a CLSC member last year.

"The key reasons I fell in love with sailing and the Club are the beauty of the lake and the calmness it brings to me and the CLSC community," Kelly relates.

Kelly has found her niche in the Club. She is a member of the Club's Social Committee that plans events and oversees the Club's potlucks. You will also see Kelly helping at Junior Sailing Camp, serving as a Race Committee volunteer and helping out at dock put-in and take-out.

If there's a CLSC activity, Kelly is likely volunteering in some capacity.

"I absolutely love being a part of the Club," she interjects. "I enjoy the potlucks. It's energizing to see everyone having fun, and I like being able to talk to so many members.

"Ditto for other Club activities such as dock put-in and take-out. I love the fact that everyone helps one another, the fun gatherings on the boats in the evening...basically, the community!! I have made some wonderful friends."

Although Kelly doesn't have her own boat, she's always game to sail with those who do have a boat. She also likes to partner with other Club members and take out Nemo, the Club-owned Capri 14.

"I am still learning how to sail and have gained some experience from some great sailors in our Club," Kelly states. "The more I sail, the better sailor I can become. A known "water baby," Kelly is a regular participant in the ladies kayak outings that a Club member organizes.

Kelly is single, the mother of a daughter and the grandmother of three active young boys. She lives in Berthoud and works full-time as a facility manager. This position allows her to telecommute, and living in Berthoud allows her to live close to Carter Lake.



Jackie and Michael Gurley: Club Members since 1991

When Jackie took a few sailing lessons in 1991 from Victoria Sailing at Cherry Creek, Mike was curious about sailing and asked Jackie “a million questions.”

“I told him that if he took a lesson, maybe we could rent a sailboat. He took one lesson and, three days later, we bought a sailboat, a Catalina 22, that we soon named ‘Recess,’” Jackie states.

When they went to check out Carter Lake, they were welcomed by Jim Nance, the Club ambassador. They became hooked and joined the Club in the fall of 1991 in order to get on the slip waitlist for 1992.

“We did not see ourselves as club people, but we were excited when we did get a slip for 1992,” Jackie tells. “Mike heard the call for volunteers and helped build what are now the North docks that year, but we didn’t attend any potlucks. We bought a new Capri 26 in 1993, and pulling a pretty, new boat onto the docks brought us to the attention of curious Club members. We began 34 years of Club membership.”

Their daughter, Ann, learned to sail and participated in CLSC Junior Sailing camps. She is passing on her love for sailing to her children, Anderson and Evelyn, who return to Colorado from Oregon each year to attend CLSC’s Junior Sailing Camp.

Before retirement, Mike worked in Insurance for 45 years. Jackie spent 40 years in schools and classrooms, teaching from kindergarten to university teacher education classes. Today, the couple lives in Centennial, Colo. Mike spends time tinkering with “Recess,” teaching sailing at Victoria Sailing, reading and researching his family genealogy. Jackie can be found practicing yoga and Tai Chi, making handmade books, or volunteering in elementary school libraries.

Mike and Jackie have been, and continue to be, very active in the Club. They each have had many roles, including Jackie as Commodore in 1997 and 2018 and Mike as Commodore in 1999, 2005 and 2013. They’ve chaired just about every E-Board committee. Currently, Mike chairs two committees: Membership Committee and Membership Boat Committee. Together they chair the Club Historian Committee.

Their work within CLSC has not gone unnoticed. Mike and Jackies have been awarded the Commodore’s Trophy and Spirit Awards. Last fall, they were recognized with the Mike Morgan Lifetime Achievement Award.



Photo courtesy of Nina Rogers