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# Carter Lake Sailing Club Newsletter



## From the Commodore

*John Pumfrey*

As we rapidly approach the 'Season of mists and mellow fruitfulness,' we typically can expect some of the best sailing conditions of the year. That said, it is important to remember that there is still an enhanced risk of afternoon dry storms erupting with gale force winds from any direction.

The recent tragedy on the lake reminds us to always wear life jackets, check the forecast and keep a weather watch at all times.

With the growth in membership, the Clubhouse continues to be the social hub of the Club. We have had some great potlucks including the wonderful Italian Night (thanks Nina and Todd). But I do ask that if you use the last item of any of the Clubhouse supplies, please let Art Umble, Clubhouse Chair, know what item or items need to be replaced. Some items, however, we can simply replace ourselves--such as a roll of toilet paper. Supplies are in a storage box in the Clubhouse. If I used the last sheets of toilet paper, and failed to add a new roll, Mrs. Commodore would keel haul me. Our Clubhouse is for all members and not having an item can be frustrating and inconvenient.

Let's all make an effort to go out and enjoy the rest of the season and also think about how you personally can help the Club continue to be a success for all members.

## Important Dates

**Sept. 14** - Evening Under the Stars/Wine or Wishes, starts at 7 p.m.

**Sept. 21** - Irish Night Potluck, social hour starts at 5 p.m.

**Sept. 28** - Dinghy Race: Adults vs. Junior Sailors, 3 p.m.

**Oct. 5** - Oktoberfest Potluck, social hour starts at 5 p.m. (Last potluck of the season)

**Oct. 4-6** - Junior Sailing Games & Campout

**Oct. 19** - Dock Take-Out

**Nov. 9** - CLSC Annual Meeting, Pinocchio's, Longmont



## Club's First Adult Dinghy Sailing Camp a HIT!

When Linda Kroll approached the Executive Board about the possibility of the Club conducting an adult dinghy sailing camp, your e-board overwhelmingly approved the idea. With less than two months to pull off the event, Linda went to work--and got it done!

CLSC's first Adult Dinghy Sailing Camp filled quickly, with nine members saying "yes" to the challenge. These nine participants attended a class on Friday evening that covered water safety, the in's and out's of dinghy sailing and point of sail. Participants then spent Saturday on the water practicing what had been learned in class. Linda and John Krueger were on the water, watching over the dinghy sailors and coaching them.

One of the camp's nine participants, new CLSC member Noah Creaven, commented, "I'm hooked!"

Additional volunteers who assisted during the camp included Andy and Susan Groeger and Mark Boyter.



*Above: Linda Kroll (blue shirt) took the lead on the Club's Adult Dinghy Sailing Camp. Top right: John Krueger and Linda Kroll go over point of sail prior to leading Friday evening's class. Bottom right: John Krueger helps a crew of two get their dinghy safely away from the courtesy dock.*



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## **New Rule: Use of Club Burgee/Logo/Emblem**

Your Executive Board adopted the following rule regarding the Club burgee/logo/emblem: Club members are prohibited from using the Carter Lake Sailing Club burgee logo or emblem for personal gain or personal use. Use of the Club burgee, logo or emblem is strictly reserved for items produced, owned and/or sold by the Carter Lake Sailing Club. Members must obtain permission from the Executive Board for any use of the Club burgee, logo or emblem.

Additionally, the club burgee, logo or emblem is not to be altered in design or color scheme without approval from the Board.

## **New Rule: Use of Club Name**

Your Executive Board adopted a new rule regarding members' use of the Club name. The new rule states the following: Club members are prohibited from using the name "Carter Lake Sailing Club/CLSC" for personal gain or personal use. Use of the Club name "Carter Lake Sailing Club/CLSC" is strictly reserved for items produced, owned and/or sold by the Carter Lake Sailing Club. Any other use of the Club name "Carter Lake Sailing Club/CLSC" must be approved by the Executive Board.

Unauthorized use of the Club name could result in disciplinary action up to, and including, loss of status as a member in good standing.

## **New Rule: Sending Emails to Club Membership**

Your Executive Board adopted the following rule regarding member's use of the Club email list: Emails to CLSC members must pertain directly to Club business, activities, events or information that supports the goals and objectives of the CLSC.

Personal promotions, non-Club-related advertisements or any content not directly related to sailing activities or club interests are prohibited.

## **Remember to Log Your Work Hours**

September is upon us, and that means just a couple of months remain for members to accept and complete work that counts toward the Club's mandatory volunteer work hours to remain a member in good standing.

According to the Club's bylaws, Regular Slip members must complete and log a minimum of 24 volunteer hours, and no more than 16 of those hours can be from dock put-in and dock takeout. Boating membership members, Regular membership members and Introductory membership members must complete and log 12 volunteer hours.

Members who fail to complete and log the required volunteer work hours could lose their member in good standing status.



## Ship Store Now Offering Branded Beverage Ware

Your Club's Ship Store has eight new CLSC-branded items for sale, and these items are on display at the Clubhouse in the Ship Store storage cabinet:

- 20 oz. Pilsner tumbler (available in blue and black).  
Cost = \$31.50 each
- 22 oz. Skinny tumbler (available in blue and black)  
Cost = \$31.50 each
- 12 oz. Stemless tumbler (available in blue and black)  
Cost = \$25.00 each
- 32 oz. Water bottle (available in blue and black)  
Cost = \$37.00 each
- 15 oz. stemless wine glass  
Cost = \$16.00 each
- 16 oz. Pilsner beer glass  
Cost = \$18.00 each
- 25 oz. beer mug  
Cost = \$21.00 each
- Slate coaster: 4-inch round and 4-inch square  
Cost = \$4.50 each

You will find an order form for these new items on the Club's website under the "Member Portal," then "Ship Store."



Since the Club does not have the space to stock items, each order will be created on an as-wanted basis.

Any of the new items ordered between now and Oct. 5 will be available at the Clubhouse on dock take-out day: Saturday, Oct. 19.

Items ordered between Oct. 6 and Oct. 25 will be ready for pick up at the Club's annual meeting at Pinocchio's in Longmont on Saturday, Nov. 9.

Due to pickup/delivery challenges, orders will NOT be accepted after Oct. 25. That means if you want one or more of these new CLSC- branded items as a Christmas/holiday gift, you will need to plan ahead.

Payment in full will be needed at the time your order is placed. The order form on the Club's website contains payment information.



## Want a CLSC Sweatshirt, Hoodie?

With sailing season entering the fall months, Ship Store is offering crewneck and zip hoodie sweatshirts featuring the Club burgee (*see graphic on the right*).

Both the crewneck and zip hoodie will come in grey, in adult unisex sizes, with the CLSC logo printed on the left front. (*See right*) A sample of the sweatshirts will be at the Club's Evening Under the Stars on Saturday, Sept. 14, and also at the Club's Irish Night potluck on Saturday, Sept. 21. You can check out sizes then as well.



Ship Store will not be stocking the sweatshirts. Thus, if you want a sweatshirt, you will need to place your order and make payment by Sept. 25.

Sweatshirts will be available for pick up at two Club events: 1) dock take-out on Oct. 19 and 2) at the Club meeting on Nov. 9.

Payment in full will be needed at the time your order is placed. The order form on the Club's website contains payment information.

This is a ONE-TIME offer. Due to cost of carrying inventory, sweatshirts will not be stocked or offered throughout the year.



## Government Liaison Report

*Todd Rogers*

As you know the lake was shut down for a few days due to the Alexander Fire. We got lucky as that fire burned just northwest of here while the Lyons fire burned to the south. Although both fires were brought under control, the Clubhouse remained under a fire ban until Aug. 31. Thank you for following this ban.

New fires can pop up at any time, so please stay vigilant and comply with all Larimer County fire ban requirements. Fire bans include bans on smoking outside. Please also remember that we are a no smoking club which means you can't smoke on the docks, Clubhouse deck or in the Clubhouse.

I am hoping to hear soon from Cindy Claggett on our license renewal.

With the dreaded dock take-out day is Oct. 19. I use the word "dreaded" not because of the work involved but because it means our boats have to be out of the water. I have requested that the ramp be closed for that Saturday and possibly Sunday. I am also trying to work something out with the County to leave the water on at the Clubhouse until after dock take-out. I will keep you posted.



## CLSC Represented at 54th Annual Aspen Open Regatta

*Photos courtesy of Greg Schertz and the Aspen Yacht Club*

Two Carter Lake boats competed in the 54th Annual Aspen Open Regatta: Mike Glenn on I'll Have Another and Andrew Watson on Joy. These two boats were among 28 boats racing, with 16 of the boats traveling to participate across the four fleets that included PHRF, Portsmouth, Lightenings and J-22s. Mike Glenn and his all-female crew of Pam McCain, Robin Jackson and Nancy VanDeMark took home the first-place trophy in the six-boat J-22 fleet, and Andrew Watson ended in fourth place with his all-female crew of Jen Pierce and April Little.



“As a Colorado keelboat racer, my summer is not complete without an annual trip to Reudi Reservoir for the Aspen Open Regatta,” Nancy VanDeMark tells. “Typically held in mid-July, this event goes on my calendar for the following year on the day I return and nothing is scheduled over this weekend. It is hard to capture why this event is so special to the Colorado racing community but, for me, it is often the one time of the year that I am able to spend more than a few minutes with friends of 20 years.

“There is no cell service, no running water, no electricity, and it is miles from town so the kind of time shared has a different quality than other events. And then there is the party—kegs chilled in an old Star boat (aka the Star Bar), catered dinner, breakfasts, Dark and Stormy bar, live band, fire pit, volleyball, camping, swimming, paddling and, of course, the sailboat racing.”



Nancy encourages racers who have a keelboat or dinghy to participate in the Aspen Open Regatta next year. She points out that the Colorado racing community is a small and cordial group and each traveling event has its own character.



## Membership Committee Report

Mike Gurley

Membership continues to grow, with the Club adding four new members in July. Membership runs March 15 to March 15 so there are still eight months left.

Club members have asked what all is involved being Membership Chair. Being Membership Chair means you get all the inquiries generated from the Club's webpage.

I receive lots of inquiries about the Club and our activities--about three a day in the spring. A number of people are looking for a slip for their boat, selling a boat or buying a boat. Many I don't hear back from when they learn that the Club has no slips available, and they would be added to our slip wait list. Some inquiries have suggestions on how to make the club better and are disappointed to learn that we allow only sailboats--and wake boats are not sailboats.

Other inquiries run the gamut. And my response varies from "No, we don't need a domain name to increase our membership" to "We aren't in the need of an inspirational speaker" so he/she can sell his/her book. I delete the inquiries from people who want to join from Russia, Ukraine, Somalia and the Nigerian Prince with great financial opportunities.

The Club's online directory is current. Non-members have been removed, and all current members are in the database. If you see a mistake regarding your membership information, please let me know. I've spent at least 100 hours on this list, and mistakes can easily happen when I'm inputting information. Just let me know the correction needed, and I'll see that it's done.

We have gone paperless with our application process. When members fill out their on-line application, the application goes to the treasurer and Membership Chair. Dues go directly to the treasurer. Once a membership is recorded in our Club's webpage directory, I communicate with new members, informing them of Club benefits and how much fun we have, especially the workdays.

When I joined Carter Lake Sailing Club 31 years ago, we had maybe 56 members. Today we have 112 memberships. A bit more than 10 years ago the Club had trouble filling the slips as membership fell close to 50, if not less. Today we have a slip waitlist seven members long.

Next season **all members must fill out the on-line membership form**. This online application drives all of the Club's data. No member is to send their membership fee to the Club treasurer without completing and submitting an application.



## Social Committee Report

Andrea Mann

The Social Committee has had an easy job this year with so many enthusiastic members wanting to host get-togethers. Since the last newsletter, Club members have enjoyed Reggae Night hosted by Kelly Peterson, Janine and Joe Corsetti, and Jenifer Nordstrom; Pirate Night hosted by John and Vicki Pumfrey; Italian Night hosted by Todd and Nina Rogers; and International Ice Cream Day.

But wait! A night of stargazing and wine and two more potlucks are on tap! "An Evening Under the Stars/Wine and Wishes" hosted by the Pawelski family will now take place on Saturday, Sept. 14, at the Clubhouse. Joe and Amanda Pawelski will have a telescope set up to view the moon which should be quite bright on the 14th. The Pawelskis also plan to bring a few musical instruments for Club members to strum/sing a space-themed tune.

Cathy Davis and Catriona Dowling will be treating us to Irish Night and their traditional corned beef and cabbage on Saturday, Sept. 21, and Jackie and Mike Gurley will be wrapping up the potluck season with Oktoberfest on Saturday, Oct. 5.

The Club's Fall Banquet is scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 9, at Pinocchio's Incredible Italian in Longmont. We will have more information for you as the date gets closer but please put this date on your calendars now! The food is always good, and it's fun to converse with your fellow sailors while wearing shoes. This is also one of our two general club meetings where a lot of business will be decided. Your E-board values your input.



*Commodore John Pumfrey (above) enjoys a special guest at our Pirate Night potluck.*



*Right: Club members enjoy great food and camaraderie at the Club's annual Italian Night.*





## Dock Committee Report

Bill Fritz

Two work dates are on tap and both are excellent ways to get your volunteer hours.

The Club needs six to eight people on Friday, Oct. 18, to help move the docks to the ramp for takeout. We will start this project at 1 p.m., and it will take about two to 2.5 hours. Cranking winches and dragging cables are part of the day as well.

Dock take-out is scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 19. Start time is 8:30 a.m. If you have a slip, then you are expected to participate in dock take-out. If you don't have a slip, but want to get some volunteer hours and interact with fellow Club members, please join us,

The sign up for positions and planning is on the club website in the Members Portal/Boat Slips/2024 Dock Take Out.

If the weather doesn't cooperate, alternative dates are Oct, 20 and Oct. 26.



*Junior sailors test their skills during a practice.*

## Junior Sailing Report

Jeremiah Sailor

Several practices have been conducted since Junior Sailing Camp, with junior sailors working on their skills on the Lasers and Topaz. We've had amazing nights of sailing, and our kids have really put their skills to the test.

Our Club will have its first CLSC Sailing Games for our junior sailors on Oct. 4-6. This end-of-season extravaganza includes camping and sailing. Club member youth with sailing experience are welcome to attend. Just give me a call to learn more. I'll also be sending out an email later that will provide more information about this event.

With other clubs invited to this event, this is an opportunity for our junior sailors to meet new friends from other clubs and participate in some practice racing and sailing games. Visiting clubs include Community Sailing Of Colorado (Cherry Creek-Boulder Reservoir) and our good friends from the Durango Sail Club.

### **Dates to remember for September and October:**

Sept. 7, practice 5 p.m.

Sept. 28, practice 5 p.m.

Oct. 4-6, Sailing Games weekend



## Historian Report

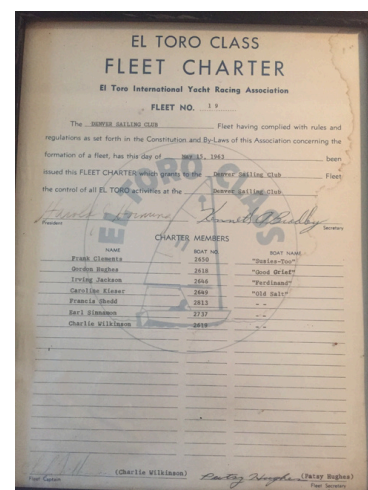
Mike & Jackie Gurley

With the growing and rousing success of the Club's Junior Sailing Program, we thought you might find the origins of the Club's Junior Sailing Program interesting. So here's a bit of history for you.

The foundations of the Club's Junior Sailing Program traces to 1962. According to articles collected by Past Commodore (1962) Frank Clements, the Junior Sailing Program was born with an emphasis on providing sailing instruction to "small fry and homemakers."

### **El Toro Fleet Charter, 1963**

*Denver Sailing Club El Tor sailors joined together in 1963 to form the Charter El Toro Fleet. Frank Clements, Fran Shedd and Lynn Kieser were members of Fleet No. 19 of the El Toro International Racing Association. This charter hung in the Clubhouse for decades until the frame fell apart. It was rescued and preserved by Club Historians.*



The following article published in the *Rocky Mountain News* on May 19, 1962 on Page 39, gives a cultural and historical context of that era that, while a bit different from today, reflects the joy of sailing and the desire to get everyone on the water:

"Hey! Let's Sail a Colorado Lake!

"Everyone's getting into the sailing act, including small fry and homemakers.

"Not too many years ago, no one thought of owning a sailboat, let alone building one. Then, as more and more boat-conscious citizenry moved westward, the idea took hold and Colorado's lakes became crowded with fun-loving nautical families.

"Within the next few weeks, Bob Tatge of the Denver Sailing Club will begin classes designed to equip wives with the know-all to become captains of their sailing destinies instead of only crew members.

"A junior sailing program will also be inaugurated, with classes covering water safety, boat handling and water responsibility.

"To make ready for these developments within the Denver Sailing Club, a number of Denver enthusiasts have been getting together evenings and building small 8-foot craft for their wives and offspring.

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## Historian Report

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“To date, 10 families have banded together, bought their lumber and helped each other with the hull building. Now the boats--dubbed El Toros--are being finished in neighborhood backyard(sp) and even basements.

“Four other families bought their El Toros.

“Bill Garrow spearheaded the building of the small sailing craft and he constructed the jig for cutting the patterns. It is estimated that, counting paint, lumber and supplies, each El Toro will cost the owner less than \$150.

“The competitions and water classes will be held on Carter Lake, home grounds of the Denver Sailing Club.”

In 1971, Lynn Kieser started the program specifically for junior sailors. That story will be shared in the next newsletter.

Thank you to Frank and Sue Clements for sending this article to the Club in 2012 and providing us with a glimpse at the Junior Sailing Program of 62 years ago!

*These two grainy black-and-white newspaper photos show (far right) Frank and Sue Clements trying out their new boat and (right) the Gerry Dion family building their El Toro.*



*Frank Shedd, Past Commodore (1966), provided the two photos on the right that show El Toro junior sailors on Carter Lake.*



## Chuck & Melissa Crowley Started Years Ago with a Capri 14



When Chuck and Melissa Crowley of Loveland were given a Capri 14, they made a smart move. They took sailing lessons.

“We wanted to get some lessons rather than try sailing on our own and hating sailing,” Melissa states. “Lessons were a must also because I didn’t want to fall into a very cold Carter Lake.”

After the Capri 14, the couple purchased a Catalina 25 then jumped up to a Catalina 28 that they purchased from Club members who were moving to California. Nosso Tempo, which means “Our Time,” is on the Club’s south dock.

“We like having our own boat so it is ready for us whenever we want,” Melissa explains. “Plus, having our own boat means we can spend the night on the lake which we very much enjoy.

”With Carter Lake so close to our home, it makes spending time there so easy.”

The couple are in strong agreement regarding what they enjoy most about the Club: the people in the Club and the friendships they have developed with Club members. Both regularly participate in the Club potlucks and both put in lots of volunteer hours. Chuck is a Past Commodore, and Melissa is known as the mimosa gal when a kayak/paddleboard morning is organized.

Although Melissa would like to be at the lake more, her time at the lake is limited since she works full-time as a Registered Nurse for UCHealth. She has worked for UCHealth for about 18 years. Retirement beckons, and, when it happens, Melissa plans to become more active in the Club. She also plans to return to volunteering for non-profits again. One of her favorite volunteer gigs was Meals on Wheels.

“Full-time nursing has not left much time for volunteering,” she tells. “I very much want to get back to volunteer work--so I need to retire soon!”

Chuck is a former high school English and history teacher who switched from teaching to the plastics business. For many years, he owned and operated Fort Collins Plastics--which specialized in plastic retail, manufacturing and fabrication--before selling the company and retiring.

Interesting facts about Chuck and Melissa:

- Chuck taught Taekwondo for many years.
- Chuck and Melissa both play bagpipes, and Chuck was Pipe Major for the Fort Collins Pipe Band.
- Chuck and Melissa met while playing bagpipes. While they don’t play much anyone, Melissa says “You never know how that could change.”
- Their favorite sailing trip was just last summer when they sailed in Croatia.



## Gary & Suzy Rubin Celebrate 7 Years with CLSC

When Longmont residents Gary and Suzy Rubin purchased their 2003 Catalina 250WB in 2017, they looked for a lake. The two lakes under consideration were Lake Dillon and Carter Lake,

“Sailing Lake Dillon was too far to drive from Longmont, and Carter seemed perfect,” Gary relates. “And the Club makes it doubly so.”

Gary started sailing in college in Ohio, and he hasn't been without a sailboat since. His first boat was a Highlander 20-footer that he sailed and raced the Eastern states. After their marriage, Suzy began sailing with Gary on Hobies. The two have been sailing together ever since.



A favorite sailing memory for both of them occurred in the 1980s when good friends who lived in St. Thomas and captained a 60-foot Gulf Star had no charter scheduled and invited them for a sail. Gary would fly their Mooney airplane to St. Thomas and “spend a week of free food and liquor and experience outrageous sailing and diving, including spinnaker sailing.”

“We still fly our Mooney Rocket to various venues and to visit friends far away,” Gary adds.

One of their favorite boats was their “beloved Island Packet 40,” a boat they kept at Garden Key in the Dry Tortuga's. The couple ended up selling their Island Packet in 2021 after 20 years of sailing out of Florida.

Before retiring, Suzy and Gary operated two companies: one in electrical design and construction and a second in design and application of co-generation. In addition to Gary consulting in those fields as a professional engineer, the couple managed the Boulder County Junior Achievement for 10 years. Additional time and talent was given to teach snow skiing at Lake Eldora.

Today the couple continue to raise Highland cattle on their 75-acre ranch west of Longmont. Gary says he questions their commitment to the ranch and all its chores. Suzy wonders as well particularly after a day of haying when it's 95-plus degrees outside. The couple point out that they simply have other activities where they would prefer to spend their time. One of those activities is Carter Lake.

“With the Club, we most enjoy simply sailing the lake, responding to the vagaries of the Carter Lake winds and waves,” Gary states. “We no longer relish the challenges of racing but prefer a laid back afternoon experience on the water.

“The potlucks and theme parties are our favorite activities. And the camaraderie of members is always refreshing.”

For a GREAT story, ask Gary about what can happen when you're young, drinking beer and sailing in unfamiliar territory.



## Rob & Joanne Jarvis Enjoy Water & Wind

When Rob and Joanne Jarvis of Nederland, Colo., joined the Club, they wanted to learn more about sailing. And that is precisely what they've been doing. In addition to learning through conversations with fellow sailors, they also participated in the Club's first Adult Dinghy Sailing.

They currently own "1 and 1/2 Sunfish." While they enjoy using the Sunfish, Joanne shares that they want to move on to bigger boats.



"We are patiently waiting for our name to move up on the dock slip wait list," Joanne interjects. "For now, we will just be sailing dinghies,"

The couple has jumped into Club activities in style. They had been members of the Club less than four months when they volunteered to help at this year's Regatta. Joanne drove the chase boat both days, and Rob helped out on the chase boat one of the days. They attend a majority of the Club potlucks and are meeting a lot of Club members.

"We like the Club community, and the wealth of knowledge that the members have," Joanne states. "The potlucks have great food and even better company."

Both Rob and Joanne are water-and-wind people. Rob has windsurfed since he was in college. Joanne spent some time in a Sunfish when in high school and wants to get back into it.

When they were first married and living in Minnesota, they started navigating the Mississippi River from source to sea. They started in a canoe, shifted to slalom waterskiing and then a Sea Doo in the upper Mississippi, north of Cairo, Ill.

"Due to navigation challenges on the lower Mississippi, we are looking to sail that portion," Joanne tells. "And we can't think of a better way to prep for that trip than being members of the CLSC."

Rob and Joanne are busy outside the Club. Rob is a pastor at University Lutheran Chapel in Boulder while Joanne, a former teacher, works part-time. She also watches their grandsons. The couple also manage their home as an Airbnb. The upstairs of their home is the Airbnb. When the upstairs is booked, they stay in their downstairs.

Interested in sailing, the couple made a trip to St. Maartin last year to watch the Heineken Regatta. Little did they know that they would encounter a person the next year who had once raced in that regatta.

"What a hoot it was to learn that the head of this year's Regatta Race Committee, Tom Downing, had actually raced in that regatta before," Joanne states. "A small world!"



## Ron & Jeanne Dorr, Boat Owners for 35-Plus Years



When your husband loves sailing, what is one of the most thoughtful gifts a wife could get him?

“Ron really loves sailing, so I gave him a membership to Carter Lake Sailing Club for Christmas last year,” Jeanne tells. “Thus, we’ve been members of CLSC since January 2024.”

Ron got interested in sailing in Sea Scouts in 1964, and purchased his first sailboat in 1985.

“He got a sailboat, and I got a horse,” Jeanne interjects.

Jeanne adds that, while she sails on occasion with her husband, Ron is the one who loves sailing as well as the one who enjoys working on his boat. They took ownership of their 22-foot Seaward named Mustang Sally just a year ago.

Ron and Jeanne have taken the Club’s volunteer hours seriously, helping first with Saturday’s Regatta breakfast. Although a previous neck surgery prevents Ron from helping directly with dock put-in and take-out, he finds other tasks to help the Club out on those days. Last spring he painted picnic tables at the Clubhouse, and he plans on being at dock take-out helping with tasks that need addressing at the Clubhouse.

“I enjoy the time interacting with other members,” Ron states. “There’s always something that needs done that I can do.”

The couple stresses that they really like Carter Lake: for its beauty and cleanliness, how quiet it is during the weekdays. They also like that the lake is a short drive from their home in Highland Meadows just west of Windsor.

Both Jeanne and Ron are retired from their full-time jobs. Ron retired from the Foodservice Industry in 2011, and Jeanne retired in 2022 from her career as an RN and nursing faculty. Ron, however, is back to working. He enjoyed volunteering at Goodwill so much that he said “yes” when asked to work there part time.

“But it is very part time,” he adds.

Wanting to help people in the community, Ron and Jeanne volunteer at two non-profits. Ron volunteers for the Salvation Army while Jeanne volunteers at the Food Bank of Larimer County. Jeanne also participates in Senior Serenaders that sing for persons in assisted living and retirement centers.

Like Jeanne, Ron is also musical. He sings and plays the guitar. He also teaches guitar.