

January 2025



Carter Lake Sailing Club Newsletter



From the Commodore

John Krueger

With the docks and boats sitting on the land rather than in the water and no organized social activities happening at the Clubhouse, it may seem like there isn't much going on with the Club. But a lot is happening behind the scenes..

Your Executive Board as well as a group dedicated to safety have been busy preparing for the upcoming membership year. *(Read about safety info in the Safety Chair Report.)*

The first order of business for your E-board has been preparing the budget for the upcoming season. Per the Club bylaws, any single expenditure of \$2,000 or more must be approved by the membership.

Your Executive Board met by Dec. 19, and each committee chair presented and discussed his/her needs-and-wants list for 2025. Your Board is meeting again via Zoom on Jan.30 to further discuss the Club's needs and wants and will finalize the 2025 budget.

While a majority of the budget such as our Club's lease with the county, insurance and property taxes are fixed and non-negotiable, other items—such as amount for membership dues, new purchases, amounts allocated to each committee—are open to discussion. Your Board of Directors takes the fiscal responsibility of the Club's money very seriously and is dedicating significant time to balance the needs and wants of the Club with available funds, Your E-board's goal is to have the Club remain financially healthy while meeting the needs and wants of the Club where safety is a priority and where racers, social sailors and all sailing enthusiasts have fun on and off the lake.

I hope to see each of you at the Club's winter meeting on Feb. 15 at C.B.& Potts in Fort Collins. This is your opportunity to see fellow members during the non-sailing season and to have input into the Club's 2025 budget.

Important Dates

Jan. 31 - Last day slip holders can make their \$100 slip deposit for 2025

Feb. 15 - CLSC Winter Membership Meeting, 6:00-9:30 p.m., C.B. & Potts, Fort Collins

March 15 - Last day slip holders can pay their remaining slip fee



Membership Report

Mike Gurley

IMPORTANT CHANGE

The 2025 membership application is on the Club website. The dues stated on the application are tentative pending the E-board's decision and the resulting vote at our Feb. 15 meeting.

ALL MEMBERS MUST FILL OUT AN APPLICATION FOR 2025, AND YOUR APPLICATION MUST INCLUDE YOUR SIGNATURE.

The new application will a QR code for easy payment via Zelle.

Club members who were Regular Membership members in 2024 only need to fill out their name on the application and sign the application before turning it in. The exception to this is if you have a change of address, phone or boat, Then you must complete the entire membership application.

Slip holders need to send their \$100 slip deposit with their membership application no later than Jan. 31. This step is required even though membership fees will not be final until voted on at the Club's February meeting,

Final payment for slip holders is due no later than March 15. No payment received, no slip guaranteed.

CLSC Winter Membership Meeting/Dinner

Saturday, Feb. 15

6-9:30p.m.

C.B. & Potts

1441 E. Horsetooth Rd., Fort Collins, Colo.

**This is a membership meeting
where members will vote on the Club's 2025 budget
as well as by-law changes.**

Look for an email in the next few weeks from Social Chair Andrea Mann at speechrus1@gmail.com. This email will provide info such as cost per person and how to make payment.



Docks Report

Bill Fritz

Carter Lake is filling, and the courtesy dock will likely soon be floating. And that is not a good thing.

During the winter, the lake usually will freeze solid. If the courtesy dock is not managed, the ice will grab the courtesy dock and pull it to the middle of the lake. Retrieval is a quite challenging and can be a big safety issue.

I am looking for members to help keep the courtesy dock close to shore from now until March. This entails pulling the courtesy dock to shore with a truck or by hand and adjusting the cable clips. The engine blocks are on top of the dock, so it floats easily. A cordless impact driver and 7/8" socket are the only tools needed.

This task needs to be done every week and should only take an hour to an hour and a half each week. My goal is to set up a rotating schedule of Club volunteers who are able to help with this task through early March so we can keep the courtesy dock as close to shore as possible.

If you can assist with this task, please join me on Saturday Jan. 18, at 10 a.m. at the lake to go over the process and to create a schedule. Depending on the number of volunteers, the plan is for all volunteers to get one or two weekends between Jan. 25 through the end of March.

Please reach out to me (Bill Fritz) if you are willing to help out with the task. If you have helped with this in the past, you are welcome to let me know what weekend you want.

It is amazing to see how fast the lake can freeze. Come a drop in temperature and a steady wind, and the lake is iced over in a day.

The Club also needs a volunteer willing to be "On Call" during the week in case this type of weather kicks up.

Whether you're an "On Call" volunteer or volunteering to be a part of a schedule so we can keep our courtesy dock on the shore, this is a great way to pick up some volunteer hours for 2025.

I appreciate all the support in managing this process. It takes a team!



Safety Report

Craig Huey

As many of you are aware, during the last dock take-out, a safety issue occurred and minor injuries were suffered.

In the interest of safety and our collective good, Dock Chair Bill Fritz asked for help to form a committee to discuss and study possible solutions to the risks associated with dock put-in and take-out. Several Club members stepped forward, and their consensus was presented to the E-Board. In turn, the E-Board pinpointed numerous action steps. Actions related to Club purchases will move forward when the 2025 Budget is approved.

Among the recommended steps to improve safety at dock put-in and take-out were that the Ford truck no longer be used and a Telehandler be rented for dock put-in and take-out. The Club will have individual truck directors at the waterline and request Club members wear safety vests.

Adopted new steps will be further outlined before the Spring dock put-in.

Here's wishing you a safe fun winter as we all look forward to another fun sailing season.

Social Report

Andrea Mann

Our fall banquet and membership meeting on Nov. 9 at Pinochio's in Longmont had a turnout of 67. The weather thankfully cooperated; the buffet was delicious; the wine flowed; and Nina Rogers treated us to another excellent slide show.

This coming season, your Social Committee is comprised of six members: Kelly Peterson, Jan Poulson, Jan Morgan, Jan Rhodes, Sandi Parkins and me. How can there not be lots of fun in store with three Jan's?

We're already scheming ways to carouse. If you have any ideas you'd like to pitch, let one of us know.

In the words of Kenny Chesney, "Call your mom. Buy a boat."



Four Club Members Honored at Annual Banquet

Mike and Jackie Gurley received the Club's Lifetime Contribution award at the Club's Annual Banquet. This award is an extremely elite award, and the Gurleys are most deserving. Between the two of them they have held every office in the Club but treasurer, and each has served as Vice Commodore, Commodore and Rear Commodore more than once. They currently are the Club's Membership Chair, Boating Chair and Club Historians. It doesn't matter the importance of the task, Mike and Jackie are quick to volunteer and will get the job done.



Andrea Mann was presented the Commodore Award by 2024 Commodore John Pumfrey. The Commodore Award honoree is hand-picked by the Commodore as a member who contributed significantly to the Club during the past year while keeping the best interest of the Club at heart.



Cathy Davis was given the Club's Spirit Award by incoming Commodore John Krueger. The Spirit Award is given to a member who represents the true spirit of the Club: welcoming, fun, involved in the Club, all-inclusive.





Club Racing Winners Announced

Mike Glenn, Co-Chair of the Racing Committee, announce the winners of the four awards earned by those who race:

- McGann Cup - Lindsey Beasley
- Dave Sherille Race Series - Cavu owned by John Homan and Nancy VanDeMark
- Columbia Cup - Cindy Klyn and Mike Glenn
- Kieser Cup - Jim Foy



Cavu crew with Mike Glenn on the left. Cavu and its crew won the Club's race series.



Lindsey Beasley was all smiles when he was awarded the McGann Cup. This was Lindsey's first time sailing his own boat in the McGann Cup Race..



Fall Banquet Activities



A tradition continued with the newly elected Commodore presenting the previous year's Commodore with a gift in acknowledgement for his services to the Club. Knowing the new Rear Commodore John Pumfrey, left, likes a good gin and tonic, John Krueger presented his predecessor with CLSC-engraved glasses and a bottle of gin.



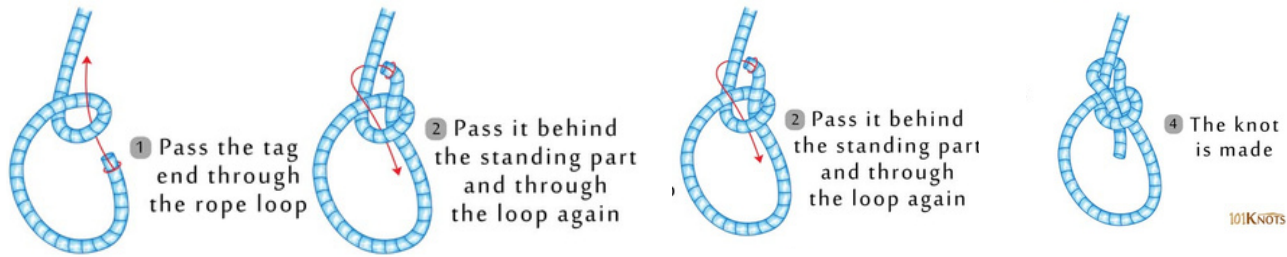
Andrew Watson, right, was elected Vice Commodore, and John Krueger, left, was installed at the Club's Commodore for 2025. John Pumfrey, center, became the Club's Rear Commodore.



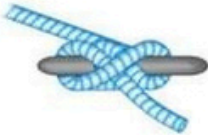
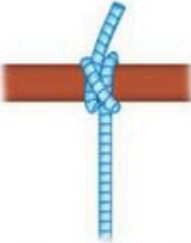
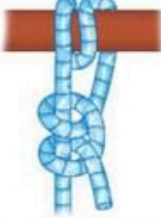

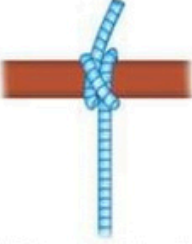


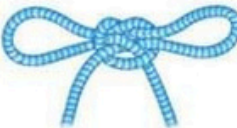







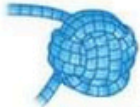
Club members enjoyed an Italian dinner, complete with wine compliments of the Club, during the Fall Membership Banquet. Check out lots more photos on the Club's Facebook page.



Why Not Learn, Practice Tying a Bowline this Winter



More Boating Knots to Prepare You for Sailing Season

 Cleat Hitch	 Clove Hitch	 Round Turn and Two Half Hitches	 Bowline Knot
 Clove Hitch	 Anchor Hitch	 Square (Reef) Knot	 Handcuff Knot
 Figure 8 Knot	 Sheet Bend	 Double Sheet Bend	 Carrick Bend
 Constrictor Knot	 Bowline on a Bight	 Butterfly Knot	 Monkey's Fist