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2023

# CARTER LAKE SAILING CLUB IN OUR 70% YEAR

# FROM THE HELM

John Clarkson, Commodore

Dear Members and Friends of the Carter Lake Sailing Club,

As the crisp Colorado air heralds the arrival of autumn, we're excited to bring you the latest news and updates from the CLSC. Our club has had an incredible season, and there's much to look forward to as we sail into the winter. The docks will be back in the water in six short months!



#### Successful 2023 Season:

The 2023 sailing season at Carter Lake has been an enjoyable one. Commencing with a successful regatta, a full season of races, plenty of engaging social events and productive workdays. Our dedicated members have been involved and I am very proud of everyone who made this season so remarkable.

#### **Next Season Preparations:**

Applications and the 2024 Fee schedule will be available February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024. There are many members on the slip waiting list so please note the following dates and deadlines if you intend on maintaining your current slip reservation. Missing dates and deadlines may result in losing your slip priority, allowing members on the waiting list to advance.

Slip Reservation Deposits of \$100, for the 2024 season, are due by January 31<sup>st</sup> 2023.

Full Payments for Slips and Membership are due March 15<sup>th</sup> 2024.

Slip Reservation List advances occur after March 15<sup>th</sup> 2024.

**Winter Activities:** While the sailing season may be over, the clubhouse is still available for use. You can always reserve a time on the website for any private gathering you may have. Please note that reservations are non-exclusive meaning that other members are not prohibited from using the clubhouse during your reservation. It's always a good idea to check the calendar if you plan on going up to the clubhouse just to see if someone has it reserved.

**Community Outreach and Volunteering:** As a non-exclusive sailing club, we are obligated to reach out to the community. We do this with our Open Regatta, Junior Sailing, and with the Summer Sailstice. These activities are open to the public and also give members additional opportunities for volunteer hours.



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#### **Upcoming Events:**

Fall Membership Meeting: CLSC Fall Banquet, Saturday November 11, 2023

#### Winter Membership Meeting: To Be Determined

**Stay Connected:** Stay updated with the latest news, events, and conversations in the Carter Lake Sailing Club community by following us on our website and social media channels. We value your participation and insights.

**Get Involved:** The CLSC thrives on the involvement of its members. If you have ideas for events, contributions, or suggestions for improving our club, please don't hesitate to reach out to the Executive Board.

We're excited about the direction the Carter Lake Sailing Club is heading and the endless possibilities that lie ahead. Thank you for being part of this fantastic sailing community.

Wishing you fair winds and following seas!

#### ADDITIONAL REMINDERS

**Editor's note:** 

'Just learned that our own

Andrea Mann has a great article published in the current

issue of SAIL!

Here is an excerpt and a photo from the first page of the

two-page spread.

This is a great read!

Congratulations, Andrea!

Larimer County Parks, including Carter Lake, officially open on April 1st, when our boats may launch to slips.

CLSC and Larimer County require all boats to have a current Colorado Boat Registration (ie "CL numbers") or USCG Documentation <u>prior</u> to entering the CLSC slips.

Within Park boundaries, and all CLSC facilities, vehicles must display a current Larimer County Parks pass.

UNDER SAIL

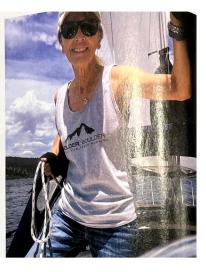
## Facing the Freak Out

Joining a club racing crew helped defeat decades of fear after a terrifying capsize.

#### BY ANDREA MANN

CP ole up!" our skipper shouted from the foredeck as the helmsman eased off the main. We had just rounded the windward mark, and another crewmember and I scrambled for our positions at the spinnaker sheets and launched the chute from the bag. What a beautiful sight.

It was a brisk and sunny Saturday afternoon with 10-knot winds gusting to 18, and this was the last of our three races for the day. As we flew down the lake, I could hardly believe how far Id come. If this had been two short years ago, panic would have overwhelmed me when we heeled at 25 degrees in the gusts. A knockdown years ago





HISTORIANS - CLSC 70TH Jackie & Mike Gurley

On August 19, 2023, Carter Lake Sailors celebrated the 70th Anniversary of the sail club with an event that would have made the founding members and all members in the last seventy years proud!

Seventy-nine members past and present attended and enjoyed an event that brought together friends old and new in celebration of the unique CLSC history. Some highlights:

The Founder's Day Fun Race had six participants and was surprisingly competitive. Mike Glenn served on the race committee and presented three trophy hats to John Krueger, 1st, Mike Gurley, 2nd, and John Homan, 3rd. The Ship's Store and the slide show of classic and present pictures attracted much interest. Thanks to Nina Rogers for both!

CLSC history boards and Log books drew attention as members peeked into the last seventy years of perseverance, effort, and enjoyment for all the founding members and those who have come after. A history is detailed on <u>sailcarter.org</u> under the About tab for further reading!

Members brought an incredible spread of potluck dishes for appetizers and side dishes to complement the chicken, cake and ice cream the club provided. Truly a classic Carter Lake potluck!

Members from all decades were recognized starting with the 1980's through new members in 2023 and junior sailors who represent the future. Nine past commodores attended.

The evening continued under the summer lights and nautical flag decor on the deck. Thanks to Todd and Nina Rogers for the lights and the planning team for the décor.



A few shots of our former & current members joining in the 70th festivities.





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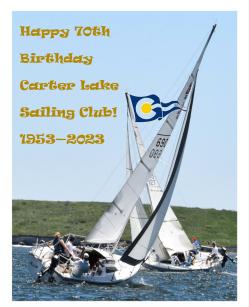
#### HISTORIANS - CLSC 70TH Jackie & Mike Gurley Continued

The planning team was tireless over many months planning, decorating, preparing, serving, and cleaning after. It is impossible to thank Bonnie Germain, Nina Rogers, Jan Poulson, Laura Brown, Suzy Rubin, Melissa Crowley and Andrea Mann enough. Many other people stepped up and volunteered at the event in typical CLSC fashion.

The 70<sup>th</sup> Celebration was truly a Carter Lake Sailing Club event that illustrates the motto Emmy Koehler, original secretary, used in 1960: *One for All and All for One*.

Respectfully, Jackie & Mike Gurley, Club Historians

Editor's note: The CLSC 70th Poster, aka Birthday Card, will make a final appearance at the Fall Banquet for members who have not had a chance to sign.



## GOVERNMENT LIAISON

Todd Rogers

After a short hiatus from the e-board I am back at it as Government Liaison - round 2!

John Clarkson and I met with Cindy Claggett, Carter Lake District Manager, a few weeks ago to discuss direction for the club/county relationship. The upcoming year likely will be a negotiation year for the club's new contract. I will keep the board informed as I glean more information regarding our lease with Larimer County and will give an update at the banquet if new information becomes available.

I'm looking forward to a mutually beneficial relationship with Larimer County through this year and the years that follow.

## MEMBERSHIP

Mike Gurley

I took over membership chair this past summer. Lots of inquiries about the club have been received including one in Russia. Go figure?

We have 87 memberships in the club, consisting of forth-nine slip holders, twenty regular members; nine who are on the slip wait list, six boating members and twelve introductory members, who mostly come from parents of the junior sailor program. 'Looking forward to being membership chair next year.



**DINGHY FLEET** This is the inaugural season for a growing fleet of dinghy sailors on Catalina14.2 boats in the CLSC! The interest and enthusiasm ignited by Jim Foy has increased with each new dinghy owner. Thursday evenings on Carter Lake have become the place to be for racing and just to enjoy being out on the water with other members, sailing these feisty little boats until sunset.



Introducing the "*Carter Lake Fourteeners*", we have by member and s/v: Shari Due on *Marlin*, Jason Hanford on *Fishoup*, Jenifer Nordstrom on *Dori*, Kelly Peterson on *Flipper*, Nina Rogers on *Prosecco* and Jeremiah Sailer on *Orca*.

Simple rigging, light weight and easy to trailer are features that make this Catalinabranded boat quite popular for our sailors. Interest in dinghy sailing has become contagious on Carter, and you can bet our fleet will be making appearances on Union and beyond come next season! (*More information in Nancy & Mike's RACING article*)



#### **BOATING MEMBERSHIP** *Mike Gurley*

Another successful season with our Boating Members reserving the boat 72 times this season, taking friends and relatives out sailing sometimes for the first time on a sailboat. Kokopelli raced several times and took first in "C" fleet, Carter Lake Open.

Kokopelli is totally paid off including the new sails/motor, expenses and upgrades and is making a profit for our club.

The interest in the program continues with inquiries and already the quota is being filled for next year.

I welcome Carl and Emily Baldwin our newest members to the program. Andrew Watson bought a J-22 which he will be sailing instead of Kokopelli. Kokopelli was pulled and is in winter storage waiting for spring.

Pictured at right are the Baldwins sailing on Kokopelli





## SOCIAL

Andrea Mann

Hello all! It was another fun summer for the books. We hope you got to enjoy at least a few of the potlucks. We actually had eight of them! Our last club event will be the annual fall banquet. This year it will be held at Pinocchio's in Longmont. All the information is printed below, but if you have any questions, please feel free to contact one of us. Thanks! It has been fun to be your social committee this year.

#### Cheers!

Andrea Mann, Chair, and Committee Members: Jan Poulsen, Kelly Peterson, Sandi Parkins, Janine Corsetti



Our fall banquet will be held on **Saturday, November 11th at 6:00 at Pinocchio's in Longmont.** This is <u>not</u> the same Pinocchio's location from 2019. This Pinnochio's is at **210 Ken Pratt Blvd, #260.** It's on the north side near the intersection of 119 and 287 in the same parking lot as Dick's Sporting Goods.

The club will provide appetizers, dessert and coffee. There will be a cash bar available. A buffet dinner will include three entrées: spaghetti and meatballs, chicken parmesan, and tortellini alfredo. There will also be a garden salad and garlic bread sticks. The price is **\$30.00 per person. Children eight and under are half-price.** 

Those wishing for a gluten-free option can order from the menu the night of the banquet for the same prices.

We will need a final count of members attending by November 5th. I will send out an evite next week to which you can respond directly. It will contain the basic information but won't be as comprehensive as this riveting, information-loaded email that you have before you.

All meals need to be pre-paid so that we have an accurate count for the restaurant. There are two ways to pay!

Option #1: <u>Zelle</u>: CLSC has a Zelle account. You can send your payment to <u>payment@sailcarter.org</u>. For help setting up an account, check with your bank or go to <u>https://www.zellepay.com/faq/how-can-i-use-zelle</u>.

Option #2: You can write a check to CLSC and mark it as "Banquet" in the memo. Checks can be sent to:

Angela Jaspers, 502 E. Pitkin, Fort Collins, 80524



### **DOCKS** Bill Fritz, Dock Meister

Ahoy! Dock take-out went very well. I appreciate all who came out and worked. Since joining the club in 2011, the dock put-in and take-out days always amaze me. To see so much completed in one day is truly amazing and I enjoy being a part of the team.



The addition of the telehandler was a huge

success. It is the perfect tool for this kind of work (I wish we had three). We appreciate the support from the marina throughout the year and this was extremely helpful.

In looking at how the docks faired this year; we only had four issues with the wheels and one shore weight break. We had several wheel failures; one wheel came off, two

wheels rubbed through the sidewalls and had to be exchanged and then the new plastic wheels failed on north docks in the last week of the season. Next year, I anticipate the same issues if the water stays high.



The higher water levels this year posed a different issue with the shore weights as

the scope and position of the docks compared to the weights is level. We do better when the water is a little lower, so we are applying downward pressure on the weights instead of lifting them out of their resting place. We will adjust them this winter to shift a few weights around to secure these better.



Looking ahead at getting the docks ready for next season we only have minor repairs to complete. A few new wheels, one cable replacement, a float attachment board and maybe some float patching. Once docks are in next spring, we will replace the 8-10 boards on the south dock that keep curling when they dry out.

The courtesy dock winter management group will convene in January to keep the floating dock



snugged up to shore and work to keep the ice from grabbing it. With high water level expected, it may be more challenging as we might be working on it from the parking lot. Cross your fingers that we don't have to chase it again.

Thanks again for all the people who came out to work. It truly does take a village!



Bill



## RACING

Mike Glenn and Nancy VanDeMark

*Thursday nights expand racing options and bring out dinghy sailors.* 

With 25 or more people out on Thursday nights, there has been a renewed energy in racing at the club. Boats racing on Thursday nights included Sunfish, Topaz, Butterfly, Laser,



Capri 22, Santana 20, Ensign and a growing fleet of Capri 14.2's. By the end of the season, there were six Capri 14.2's racing on Thursdays and four more are expected to join the fleet next season. Start reserving your Thursday evenings for next summer as we plan for a growing Capri 14.2 fleet and a



continuation of Thursday night racing.

Saturday racing generates post-race comradery through \$3 burgers

Weekend racing continues to consist of a small but dedicated group of sailors. We had a total of 13 boats entered in one or more days of the David Sherril Summer Series races. Congratulations to Mike Glenn and Cindy Klynn for a first place for the season in J-22, *I'll Have Another* and to Andrew Watson for adding another J-22 to club racing.

The McGann Cup was held on October 8<sup>th</sup> for the last day of racing for the season. For this event, six Capri 14.2s joined the three J-22s and Catalina 25 in light, shifty winds and finished with rum drinks on Jerimiah's boat. We hope to see more keelboats and dinghy's racing weekends and plan to continue the successful \$3 burgers at the clubhouse after racing.

#### Regional regattas attract racers across the state

The 52<sup>nd</sup> Annual Dillon Open Regatta was hosted by the Dillon

Yacht Club on August 24-25. This event included 50 boats in eight fleets for moderate and consistent winds. Mike Glenn, Cindy Klynn, Abe Dearden, Gary Steffen, Nancy VanDeMark and Bridger Parsons from CSLC participated in the event.

Thanks to everyone who volunteered as race officials, maintained the committee boats, scored races, organized races, cooked burgers, set and retrieved marks and helped with all of the other activities required to build and maintain a racing program.





## JUNIOR SAILING Jeremiah Sailer

Greetings members! I want to start off by saying what an incredible year junior Sailing has had with the amount of junior sailors attending camp as well as events that we had planned on Thursday nights so they can practice their skills. This started before camp and even after camp we had kids still wanting to practice their skills on different boats and



gave me the opportunity to coach and teach side-by-side. We had 30 kids go through camp including junior leaders and we had about 25 kids on our waiting list. This just goes to show that there is a huge interest in this inland region for Sailing.



The other thing I wanted to mention was our volunteer list of people to help put this camp on was tremendous. We had probably the most dedicated team each day as we lengthen our camp and still put on an amazing regatta. We could not have pulled it off without our volunteers, so thank you. Next season we will have to top this season and we're in gear to do just that! We have an incredible fleet of boats as well as a team that will share in responsibilities of teaching these kids, Sailing.

The one subject I want to address of Junior Sailing is our Dinghies on our courtesy dock. I will be focusing with a small team of people to re-evaluate and propose to the club to rebuild for easier launching, boat protection, and organization. I really hope we can rebuild this dock to ensure we meet all of the needs of the club members as well as our juniors. This new plan will also help us prolong our equipment in years to come. This part of our club is

getting more and more popular and we need to be able to accommodate all who use it. I can't wait for next season and I've already started planning the new look for camp next season. If any of your parents have kids that are interested in in the Jr program and have not contacted me please do so my number is 970-290-3811.

If you have any questions or don't understand how the program works. I'd be happy to help. I look forward to another season of kids surprising all of us in there Sailing abilities. I really appreciate all the club support and help from parents and other club members. Thank you to all. This is such a fantastic way to volunteer!







Congratulations to our awesome Junior Sailing Class of 2023!



## MORE MOMENTS FROM JUNIOR SAIL CAMP



## **CREW NOTES ~ SAILING ADVENTURES & STORIES**



**Jim Kuiken** in Croatia. *In his own words*: We sailed for a week in Croatia from June 17-24. The sailors with me were: Bill, Rod who is a friend from Longmont who sails with me regularly on Carter and my brother-in-law, Dave, who keeps his sailboat on the Hudson River in NY. We did a bareboat charter of a 48-ft Beneteau from Moorings at their Agana base near Split. Three of us (w/out Bill) did a similar trip in Croatia last year.

Jim Foy and Kelly Peterson vacationed in Cape Cod, exploring the

quaint communities on the coast including Nantucket, and sailing at every opportunity, on a Hobie, a Rhodes 19, a Schooner and more!





# CREW NOTES - SAILING ADVENTURES & STORIES

Zach and James' Africa adventure, in their own words:

In September, we took a long-awaited trip to the Okavango Delta, southern Africa. Traveling through Zambia and Botswana, Our journey took us to four different camps—along the great Zambezi, to the edge of the Kalahari desert, to the middle of the largest inland delta on the planet. From the game vehicle there were lions grazing on freshly killed buffalo, elephant herds crossing vast rivers, hippos charging and snorting through the waterways, heckling hyenas, babbling baboons, and leopards lurking in the branches of trees overhead. Arms out angel-style they even dared to hang over the edge of the Devil's Pool at Victoria Falls, one of the seven natural wonders of the world. At the close out of each day's journey, in keeping with safari tradition, there is the requirement of chilled sundowners





clinking in-hand as the African sun sets and makes the sky ablaze with reddened golden pink hues. The end of each day means a new and exciting tomorrow. They say "Everything in Africa bites, but the safari bug is worst of all." The Doosleys were bit by the bug and can't recommend the experience enough to all other club members.

#### You will notice a theme here ...

John & Vicki Pumfrey have just returned from their adventure to Kruger National Park in South Africa, one of the largest game reserves in that country.





Melissa & Chuck Crowley sailed in Croatia with Jennifer & Michael Marlow, taking in the exquisite waters, incredible cuisine, sights and wines of this beautiful country.





#### THE RETURN OF SAILORS' SOCK BURNING



Celebrated every year on the Vernal Equinox, **"Sock Burning**" signals the beginning of Spring and more importantly, boating season! The tradition began years ago as a collaboration of the Annapolis Maritime Museum and others. Sock burning is now observed across the country and yes - even here in Colorado. CLSC has missed a few years and we will revive this tradition come spring!

So mark your calendars for the week of March 19th for Sock Burning at the firepit on the CLSC clubhouse grounds for the official start of spring and bring along an ol' sock you are happy to toss in the fire! **More details to come**!

## CLUBHOUSE AND GROUNDS

Art Umble

The 2023 season has been a busy one at the Clubhouse. Numerous projects along with several ambitious workday events have taken place and results have been great! On behalf of all club members, I want to thank each and everyone who gave time and energy to these projects. For details on all the accomplishments of the year, please refer to previous newsletters.





For this update, however, it is particularly worth noting the huge effort put forth by a number of our club members (see photos) in pushing our roof repair project forward and preparing our Clubhouse for the next decades of protection.

Thank you all again for your hard, dedicated work!! We'll have lots more to work on next season!







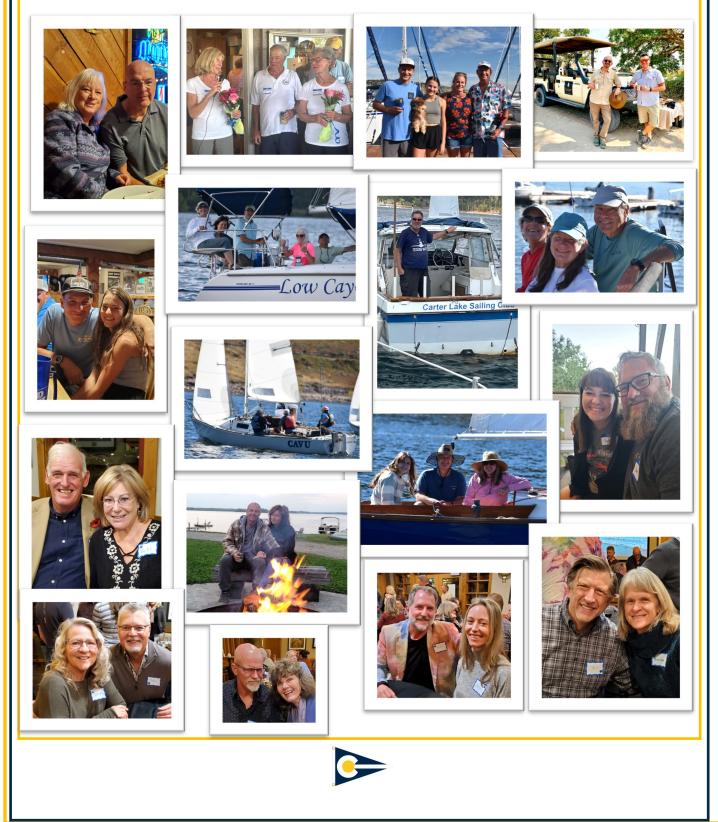
### SHIP STORE

Short and long sleeved CLSC tees, Burgees, Hats and Decals are always available. (plus "on sale" Regatta Tees!). A few items pictured here.

You may either text your requests to 970-231-7061 <u>or</u> email: nina.rogers@comcast.net for available styles, sizing, colors. Please prepay. The Ship Store Meister will be happy to bring along all paid purchases to the CLSC Banquet for pick up!



# DURING THIS **70** SEASON OF THE CLSC, HERE ARE MORE MOMENTS SHOWCASING OUR MEMBERS



## A TRIBUTE TO MIKE MORGAN, FRIEND AND SAILOR







Long-time member, Mike Morgan, passed away on October 18th. Mike and his wife, Jan have been vibrant and well-connected CLSC members for years. Mike handled the financials for the CLSC and was an enthusiastic member always keeping pace with the pulse of the club.

Mike consistently volunteered, participating in all things sailing club from slip launch to boat show, regatta, and countless social events. He helped anchor our boats for raft ups, enjoyed movie nights, and could often be seen kayaking with his remote controlled shark fin circling around other paddlers. Mike was instrumental in the development of the firepit on the clubhouse lawn. He was present for anything where camaraderie was the name of the game! Mike and Jan facilitated the club's Summer Sailstice program for a number of years, enhancing the program by enlisting members to take non-sailors out for a first-time sailing experience. This increased visibility of the club and our connections within the community. Mike had an infectious laugh that could be heard from the clubhouse to the docks that mirrored an insatiably positive attitude. Mike and Jan's s/v "Liquid Assets" was berthed on the south dock where Mike became the quincentennial friend to many of us, offering his help, time and skills in more generous ways than can be listed here. In 2010, Mike created the coveted "CLSC Lifetime Contribution Award" that has had only three recipients. Mike loved cars, motorcycles, sailing, his friends, and most of all his family.

In Mike's honor, and by unanimous consent of the Executive Board, the CLSC award for Lifetime Contribution to the sailing club is now and in perpetuity re-named the

"Mike Morgan Lifetime Contribution Award"

Mike, we will miss you. You are always in our hearts, Sail on, Sailor!

