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Commodore's Remarks

Another year has come and gone and in just a few months the 2007 sailing season will begin. Last year was a busy for S.A.I.L.; starting with the boat show, the four winter sailing seminars at Brooklyn's, an advanced race management seminar, a local race management seminar, SailWave training, PHRF ratings, support for youth sailing and racing, and sponsorship of the Colorado Cup and the Governor's Cup we were active most of the year.

By now, most of you have probably used the new S.A.I.L. website at www.rmsail.org. Ralph Taylor has put in untold hours maintaining it. Be sure to visit to see what's going on with sailing in the Rocky Mountains.

Another new S.A.I.L. endeavor has been to aid in the creation of the Rocky Mountain International Sailing Association or RMISA, a 501 (c) (3) not-for-profit Colorado corporation. Its goals are to support charitable, educational, and scientific activities related to sailing and to foster national and international amateur sailing competition, especially for youth. Steve Davis, Ralph Taylor, and Jim Young make up the current board and would like an opportunity to discuss the new organization with you.

I hope that 2007 can be as successful. If you have something that you would like to discuss relating to S.A.I.L., please let me know. I can be reached most evenings at 303.794.6819 or you can email me directly at rosshs@msn.com.

..... Ross Simpson

Annual Meeting

SAIL's annual meeting took place Saturday, Nov. 4th, 2006 at Cherry Creek Yacht Club. 2007 Officers are: Commodore Ross Simpson, Vice Comm. Carrie Pfister, Treasurer Shannan Tenze, Secretary Joe Beierl, Area F Rep. Paul Kresge.

2007 Dues

SAIL memberships are annual. Pay your 2007 dues now. A form is enclosed with this issue.

Denver Boat Show

The Boat Show is coming up January 17- 21, 2006. SAIL will again share a booth with DSA, Community Sailing & other organizations. The pond is returning to provide the only on-water activity in the show. We need 4 people per two-hour shift to help staff it. Contact Bob Stoller, robert.stoller@colorado.edu, to sign up. Bob's asking, too, for keelboat sailors. Do it early, so he can arrange your free entry.

US SAILING Election Results

Jim Capron, from Annapolis, was elected President. He's an engineer, sails an Etchells & is a member of the ISAF Judges' Committee.

Dick Allsop (Florida) is a retired Navy captain, regional training coordinator & helped develop US SAILING's powerboat program.

Jim Tichenor (Houston) serves a one-year term, is President of an engineering & construction company, sails a J/105, a certified National race officer & senior judge, VP of US SAILING & chair of the race administration committee.

Susan Epstein (Sharon, MA) 1-year term, see www.ussailing.org/BOD/election/Epstein.aspx.

Amy Gross-Kehoe (Santa Clara, CA, formerly the East Coast), a two-year term. **Amy** has competed in two Olympic campaigns, coaches youth sailing & is Director of Sailing for Stanford University.

David W. (Chip) Johns II (Mattapoisett, MA) - a two-year term. **Chip** is President of Vanguard Sailboats, and has extensive race & sailing experience.

Bill Stump (Venice, CA) two-year term, former commodore of California Yacht Club, twice winner of the St. Petersburg Trophy for race management, competed in Sardinia Cup & Congressional Cup.

Tom Hubbell (Delaware, OH) a three-year term, is a family physician, races Thistles, C Scows & Lasers, has written a book with Greg Fisher, and led US SAILING's reorganization & direct election effort.

Patty Lawrence (Cincinnati, OH), a 3-year term, is a former President of the Thistle Class & current Secretary-Treasurer.

Jerome Montgomery (Long Beach, CA), former Commodore of several yacht clubs, active one-design & handicap rule sailor, currently racing an Etchells & his 40-foot sailboat, also a certified race officer.

Preliminary 2007 SAIL Calendar

To be added:
Snipe Regional Championships

Legend: K = Keelboats, D = Dinghies, J = Juniors,
M = Multi-Hulls, O = One-Design only

Date:11/06/06

January

1st - New Year's Day is a Monday
2nd or 9th - SAIL Meeting, TBD
10th - Winter Racing Seminar, Brooklyn's
18-21? - Boat Show, Denver Convention Center
20th - Frostbite Race, Elephant Butte NM, Rio Grande Sailing Club

February

3-4 Rio Grande Marina Team Racing, RGSC
6th - SAIL Meeting, TBD
13th - Winter Racing Seminar, Brooklyn's
17 Chute-Out, RGSC
24th - Iceberg Cup, Cherry Creek (if ice/weather permit)

March

6th - SAIL Meeting, TBD
10-11 RGSC, Spring Series 1, RGSC
14th - Winter Racing Seminar, Brooklyn's?
10th? - Race Mgt., TBD
17th - Community Sailing Gala & Fundraiser, Cherry Creek Yacht Club. 303-757-7718
24-25 RGSC Spring Series 2, RGSC

April

3rd - SAIL Meeting, TBD
7th - Pickle Race, RGSC
8th? - Race Mgt Seminar, SailWave Scoring, TBD
11th - Winter Racing Seminar, Brooklyn's?
14-15 RGSC Spring Series 3, RGSC
22-23? - Collegiate Reg., Pueblo Res., CSU-South SC?, DK
28-29 RGSC Club championship, RGSC

May

1st - SAIL Meeting, TBD
5-6 - **Mile Hi Shootout**, Ch. Creek, DSA, K
12th - Joshua Slockum single-handed, RGSC
13th - Jack & Jill Couples, RGSC
19th - Anniv. Cup distance race, RGSC

May (continued)

19-20 **Leukemia Cup**, CSYC, Chatfield, K D
19-20 - **Hornblower**, Ch. Crk., DSA, D
19-20 Hobie 3 Peaks, Union Res., USC
19-20? Colorado Scowboys, Loveland Lake, contact Woody Woodruff, 303-898-7870, D
26-27 Mem'l Day Reg., New Mex. SC, Heron Lake, KM
28th is Memorial Day

June

2-3 **Carter Open**, Carter Lake SC, Carter Lk, KD
2-3 Hobie Prairie Winds, Boyd Lake, CO, Hobie Ft., M
6th SAIL Meeting, TBD
9th **Pram Regatta**, Ch. Crk., DSA, Bts Provided, J
16-17 **WY Gov. Cup**, Casper Bt. Club, Alcova, KD
16th - Demo Day, Union Reservoir, Union Sailing Club
23-24 Hobie Tropical Dreams, Lake McConaughy, NE, Hobie Ft., M
23-24 **Junior Olympics**, Union Res, USC, J
30-7/1 4th of July Reg. & Long Race, New Mex. SC, Heron Lake
30-7/1 4th of July Open, Dillon YC, Lake Dillon, K

July

1st **Firecracker & Sparkler**, Union Res., USC, DJ
4th, Independence Day is Wednesday
6-8 4th of July regatta, Heron Lake, NMSC
7-8 Hobie Bun Burner, Hobie Ft.61, M
7th? - **Dillon Junior Open**, Lake Dillon, DYC,J
9th? SAIL Meeting, TBD
14-15 Hobie Glendo Regatta, Glendo Res., WY, Hobie Ft., M
14-15 **Aspen Open**, Aspen YC, Ruedi Res., KD
21-22 Hobie Angostura Regatta, Angostura SD, Hobie Ft., M
30-8/3 Snipe Nationals, Lake Dillon, DYC, O

August

4-5 **Dillon Open**, Dillon YC, Lake Dillon, KDJ (Dinghies on separate course)
7th SAIL Meeting, Anthony's, Denver
19th? **CC Junior Open**, Ch. Crk. DSA. J
18-19 Wild Bill Thrill, Flaming Gorge, WY, Hobie Ft., M
18-19 Steamboat Scowboys, Steamboat Lake, O, contact Harv Holtzman, 303-777-1967
18-19 ? Colorado Laser Champs, Grand Lake YC, Grand Lake, CO, O (Verify)
25th Old Salts, Ch.Crk., DSA, D
25-26 TransMac/Mac Attack, Ogallala YC, Lake McConaughy, KDM (Hobie Div.5 Champs)

September

1-3 **Neb. Gov. Cup**, Ogallala YC, Lake McCon'hy, KD
1-2 Dillon Labor Day, Dillon YC, Lake Dillon
1-2 Labor Day Reg., New Mex. SC, Heron Lake
3rd Labor Day is on Monday
4th? SAIL Meeting, TBD
7-9? Star Dist 21 Champ., Dillon, DYC, O
16-17 Frostbite, DSA, Ch. Crk. Res, KDM
21-23 Sunrise Regatta, Rio Grande SC, Truth or Consequences, NM, K
29-30? **CO Gov. Cup, Ch.Crk., DSA, KDM**

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October

3rd SAIL Meeting, Anthony's, Denver
7-8 Columbus Day Regatta, CSYC, Chatfield, KDM
 9th, Columbus Day observed on Monday
21 Pumpkin Bash Inv., Buc, Flt., Ch. Crk., D
 31 Halloween is on Tuesday

November

3rd, Saturday - SAIL Annual Meeting, Place TBD,

December

4th - SAIL Monthly Meeting, TBD

Notices of Races & Regattas

{We publish notices for open events of member clubs & fleets in the coming quarter.}

No NORs received.

My Fantasy Sail Weekend

by Carrie Pfister, S/V SeaDuction
 Carter Lake Sailing Club

(Editor: Some editing was necessary to fit the available space.)

I was fortunate enough to race on the 12 meter boats in October, in Newport, RI.

The Leukemia Cup Regatta allows an unlimited number of fund-raisers (minimum amount is \$8500) to join their annual unforgettable Fantasy Sail Weekend. Thanks to generous donations from CLSC members over the years, I have been given opportunities to race the old wooden 12's, Catalina 37's in Long Beach & on Colgate 26's in Florida with the Colgate's and Gary Jobson.

This year's trip was the best yet. We stayed on Goat Island in the Hyatt Hotel and Spa -- also home of US Sailing's annual meeting the following weekend. Friday night we exchanged fund-raising ideas with 90 people from clubs all over the US, followed by a true New England Clambake steamed outside with seaweed and rock fossil water. Whole lobsters, clams, corn, steaks..... Wonderful!

Saturday breakfast was hosted by **Gary Jobson** -- National Spokesman for the regatta and survivor of Leukemia/Lymphoma -- having had a stem cell transplant a few years ago. Gary is doing great. The weight is coming back on, hair is growing back and an incredible difference in energy. Following our weekend, he narrated the Newport-Bermuda Race & signed up for America's Cup commentating again, as well as the Olympics.

Crewing for **Ted Turner**, he informed us, there were rules to follow. Very simple & basic: Be on time, wear the uniform, Jacket and tie for dinner, No yelling, Sail hard and Never make the same mistake twice. Gary ran through the background on the 12 meters we would be racing on: Columbia, Weatherly, Nefertiti, American

Eagle, Freedom and Intrepid. All qualified or sailed in the America's Cup. I was fortunate to get on **Intrepid**, a two time winner designed by Sparkman and Stephens. We learned that Intrepid's handi-cap, was a required reef in the main. We then walked down to the marina and boarded the boats.

The size of these boats cannot be explained--winches the size of tire rims, blocks the size of my foot. My job was outhaul and boom vang. Easy on these boats -- both hydraulic. Turn a knob to select what you like, press a button, and pump to the desired setting. It allowed me to take a lot of phenomenal photos--including the close start (pictured), which resulted in **Weatherly** (starboard boat) having to re-start, and helping Intrepid scoring our 2nd bullet. The main was raised, and even reefed, we made 10.5 knots. The initial trim of the main is by sail pressure -- we had it at 7000 lbs. Wake off the stern was flush with the deck. Talk about power.



Crews were 12-15 people, 6 grinders. Our Tactician was about 30 years -- learned to sail and grew up on **Lake Dillon**. Small world. Racing sails for Intrepid (which we did not use) were from Hood---\$35,000 for the main. After racing, anyone wishing to drive could and we sailed extra hours. As expected, no weather helm at all. We sailed to the Olympic trials which happened to be there that weekend, and watched the 2.4mR trials and warm ups for the Laser Radials. Amazing!

After racing, it was back to the hotel for a quick change and a black tie event at the New York Yacht Club. I am not sure how much sailing history a person can take in one weekend -- but this had to be close! We had drinks and appetizers on the back side of the Club, overlooking Nagaransett Bay. We moved into the Library for dinner and more drinks---all polished wood walls, top halves full of half hulls of winning boats, silver trophies and bowls along with replicas of Endeavor and other 12s.

Dinner was followed by Gary's heart felt thank you for helping him fight his battle. Regattas were held in 47 venues this year, with 1025 fund-raisers raising a record total of \$3.3 million. He followed with a few short videos of extreme sailing and the Volvo Ocean Race. We saw John Mecray's latest print "Racing Downwind" a beautiful rendition of Columbia, for the 2007 Regattas. View it at <http://www.mecray.com>

If you are interested in fund-raising for this event and would like suggestions, please let me know. Next year's event will be in San Diego, as phenomenal as all the rest. The Colorado Regatta is in May at Chatfield in Littleton. If you are unable to attend the Leukemia Society offers a "phantom sailor" registration where your "boat" can fund-raise towards the Fantasy Sail Weekend without attending. Imagine, using your passion to help thousands of cancer patients and their families. Information is available at www.LLS.org/regatta

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