



Jibs and Jibes

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From the Commodore

Ahoy, mates! Welcome to the 2008 season. It's that time to send in the dues, mark your calendars for the work parties, and think about what work you need to do on your boat to get ready for the summer. Your centerboards, keels and rudders will be happy to hear that the lake is back up to its full capacity once again. Looking ahead, WSA finds itself in good condition both physically and financially. The Anchorage and grounds are in great shape, and Norm has once again found a way to pay all our bills. At the Executive Board meeting, no major projects were proposed for this year, just some work on the docks and Committee boat, the financing for which was approved at the Fall Banquet. We are, for the first time since about 1989, at FULL capacity, and will begin a waiting list for membership. I would ask that any members with multiple boats, who are not using that second boat, consider giving up a space for a new member, who would be paying full price. We also may build another rack or two for sunfish, etc. along the shore by the Committee boat, freeing up more yard slots.

Looking forward to another great summer on Webster Lake!

Work Parties

Three work parties have been scheduled this spring...April 5th and April 12th to build five new docks and April 19th for the opening work party. Building five docks is ambitious project and we need a good turnout to accomplish this. Bring tools...we will supply the coffee. And as always, the opening day work party needs a good turnout to get ready for the new season.

Dues

As it is each year your dues must be paid by March 1, 2008. Make sure you include proof of insurance. Without it your membership will not be processed. You will also notice a space on the renewal form for the lottery of the two boat slips. Still \$25.00 per entry.

Spring Banquet and Meeting

This year's Spring Banquet and Meeting will be held at the Point Breeze Restaurant on Saturday, May 10, 2008 starting at 5:00PM.

Make sure you get your reservation forms in on time.

Starting Line

The race committee is looking for a few good men and women. Volunteers are needed to help out with the races. You do not need any experience; it's very easy and a nice Sunday afternoon on the water in our comfortable committee boat. We are also looking for volunteers to work on other committees.



Necessities

A recent article in Small Craft Advisor stated there are two things you definitely should have on a small sailboat... a tiller extension and a boom vang (or preventer). Now most sailors consider these racing items, but the reality is that most controls you see on a racing sailboat, should be on all sailboats to make sailing easier and safer. The tiller extension not only allows you to move forward and backward in the cockpit without taking your hands off the tiller, but to move up on the gunwales in heavy air to keep the boat from heeling too much.



The boom vang is used to keep a good sail shape while going down wind. It also helps prevent accidental jibes.

Committee Boat

\$1000.00 was allocated to make some much needed repairs on the committee boat. The work will start sometime in the spring .

Parking Assignments

I've included the form for parking assignments. We did not require these last year since I was new to the job. This year I need one from each of you requiring a mooring or dry sailing spot. Once I have verified your paid up membership a parking space will be assigned. On paper, the club is full, so those of you requesting multiple spots may not be accommodated this year. We are making every effort to make spaces available. In the past, a few of you have reserved spaces and never bring your boat down. Traditionally, we have held that mooring or parking space open all season. We will continue to guarantee you a spot, but if your boat(s) are not there by July 1st, you may be assigned another spot.

One last item. Each member is responsible for the upkeep of their space or mooring. For those of you with moorings, the club will supply the necessary parts, but it up to the individual member to help with any upkeep and repair. Dry sailing spots need to be mowed and kept clean.

