



# Jibs and Jibes

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are fast moving and hard to see coming. Starting on Friday, July 18<sup>th</sup>, three sailboats from the club got blown over as severe thunder storms rolled through the area. On Friday, John Benoit and his granddaughter went out for an evening sail when a storm came through with little warning. John motored his Daysailer into the cove, but a huge gust of wind knocked them over. Fortunately, John and his granddaughter made it to shore safely. Fire and rescue righted his boat Saturday morning and brought it to the club.

## The Year of the Sailboat

The recent increase in gas prices along with other economic conditions has forced a lot of people to change their lifestyle. This is particularly true in boating where a day on the water in a powerboat can cost as much as \$600.00. More people are buying small sailboats...both new and used. Interest in our club has increased to a point where we had a waiting list this spring. On Webster Lake, I've noticed a little less motor boat traffic and more local residences out here in sailboats. No increase in activity at the club, but I'm hopeful it will come.

## Stormy Weekend

This season, the weatherman seems to be predicting thunderstorm almost daily. When they come, they



Sunday, during the races, another storm came through and first John LeBoeuf went over in his Daysailer and then Bob Cloman in his Mariner. A number of boats came to help including the Police Boat who pumped them out after they were righted.

The committee boat towed them in. All were safe, but some items were lost including Bob's rudder.

## Work Parties



A combination of good weather and an enthusiastic group of volunteers made for three very successful work parties. Five new docks were built and the ramps leading up to them were rebuilt with new decking. This completes our dock building project. Thanks to all who helped out.

Tom Pezzella and Saif Saifullah have been diving on the moorings replacing the swivel and other parts where needed. The visibility is terrible, the water cold and the moorings are sunk in the soft bottom, making it difficult to locate them. A special thanks to Tom and Saif for their heroic effort.

## Starting Line

Racing started this year with some good turnouts. At least one race had to be canceled so far due to weather.

Results of the July 4<sup>th</sup> Trophy Race

1 <sup>st</sup> place	Bob Rowan
2 <sup>nd</sup> place	Peter Schotanus
3 <sup>rd</sup> place	Bob Cloman
4 <sup>th</sup> place	Damon O'Palick

Many members, especially new members, will not sail on Sundays thinking it will be too crowded due to racing. Even if we get a large turnout for racing (which we usually do not), the docks are only busy between 12:00 and 1:00 and then after the races between 3:00 and 4:00. Plenty of time for others to launch and sail. Plus, if you get the urge to try racing, you can jump in at any time. Great way to improve your sailing skills.

## Membership

Membership in the Webster Sailing Association is a partnership. Each member has an equal say in how the organization is run. But there is a certain responsibility that goes with the partnership. First, each of us must carry on the original mission of the organization... to promote sailing and racing on Webster Lake. In addition, each member is expected to participate in the general upkeep of the facilities. Why am I mentioning this? Because by mid summer things tend to slow down to a snail's pace. Activity levels seem to drop, the yard gets over run with weeds and boats seem to be neglected. We all belong to the WSA to have fun. If everyone puts in a little effort throughout the entire season, we will be better off for it.

## New Members

We have several new members this year and I would like all of you longtime members to welcome them and offer them help when needed.

Please welcome:

Diane Anas and Debbie Thomas  
John Osswald  
Linda and Brian Blood  
Curtis Abbott  
Ken and Sandra Waite  
Daniel O'Shea

## A Sad Farewell

On June 18, 2008, fellow WSA sailor, Pedar Gilley, 44, passed away. Although we did not see much of Pedar, he looked forward to sailing his Hobie 16 on Webster Lake. Our condolences to his family and friends.

## Lawn Mower

Our lawn mower refuses to start. If anyone is mechanically inclined, we would appreciate it if you would take a look at it. Or if someone has an old lawnmower in running condition they would like to donate, even better.

# WSA Rules

(Note: This is a partial list)

## SECURITY

1. It is each members responsibility to secure the clubhouse, dinghies and equipment and to close and lock the gate if he/she is the last to leave. This includes while sailing on the lake and the property is left unattended.
2. When leaving the club, lock doors, windows, gas locker and storage shed.
3. Each member will be required to log-in and log-out on the daily log sheet.
4. Any irregularities noted when using the club should be noted in the log and if serious enough, it should be reported to one of the people on the call list (next to the phone).
5. When leaving the club, turn off all heaters, fans, stove and lights.
6. Dispose of all smoking material properly. (avoid fires). Note: smoking not allowed in clubhouse or near gas bin.

## DOCK USE

1. It is every members responsibility to limit the use of docks and the launching ramp so that all boats can have easy access to and from the lake.
2. Boats will not be allowed to be “parked” at the docks or on the ramp...this includes overnight tying up at the docks. If abused, appropriate action will be taken by the executive committee.
3. Boat maintenance should be kept to a minimum at the docks and on the ramp, and is prohibited from 12 noon to 5:00pm on Sunday.
4. Swimming is allowed, but swimmers must stay clear of boats.
5. Fishing is allowed, but fishermen must stay clear of boats.
6. All children who cannot swim or are under age 8 must be accompanied by an adult member while on the docks.
7. No horseplay will be tolerated on the docks.

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