



# Jibs and Jibes

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### Notices

#### Closing work party

Our closing work party is at 9am on Saturday October 23. Hope to see you there.

magnificent trophy was also presented to Jon Barthel for winning the 2010 Point Score Series. Jon is the youngest club member ever to be on the racing committee. Since he was away at Hobart College, the trophy was accepted by his parents, Rand and Carolyn. Congratulations, Jon!

A scrumptious supper banquet ensued with an amazing assortment of food choices to meet everybody's taste.

### Events

#### Fall Banquet and Business Meeting

On Sunday, Sept. 12, our WSA Fall Banquet and Business Meeting was held at the Anchorage complete with the July 4<sup>th</sup> Trophy make-up race. It was a very cloudy day with variable winds primarily out of the ESE assuring easy arrival at the starting point but some difficulty returning to Winter Cove. There were moments of high wind and periods of becalming.

Commodore Tom, with gusto, conducted a thorough business agenda with Joe's secretary report from the spring meeting and a very positive treasurer's report from Norm. A vote was passed to spend \$1500 to construct an additional outside doorway next to the present utility room door to facilitate getting sails into and out of storage. Improved storage shelving will also be constructed for these sails. Tom and Bob Gurlitz reviewed the bylaws in reference to electing three WSA trustees. The following members will serve in this capacity: John Benoit, Joseph Bottasso, and Roger Livingston.

Bob Ciabaszewski captured the first place race trophy for the day with applause and recognition after the conclusion of the meeting. A

### Racing

#### The Season

By Doug Kenyon, RC Chairman

2010 has been a somewhat trying racing season, from resolving permit problems with the Environmental Police, to wild weather conditions making racing difficult to nearly impossible at times. We were forced to reschedule our starting times for many of our races and move the July 4<sup>th</sup> Trophy Race to the makeup day on September 12<sup>th</sup>. This happened because the Environmental Police thought the lake would be too crowded with the sailboat races and the fishing tournament running at the same time. Why was this a concern this year when it was never a problem in the past? As a result WSA had to change a racing routine that has been in place for 75 years! Some sailors never mastered the new starting times and missed races and others were worried about the weather. As a result, turnout was down this year. The fact we had to cancel so many races

because of poor weather conditions didn't help. But we did have some great races on warm beautiful sunny days with perfect wind that were recorded by the Race Committee.

## Results

The complete results are posted on the WSA website (<http://www.wsasail.org/2010results.html>). The top finishers are as follows:

The results of the July 4<sup>th</sup> Trophy Race

First Place: Bob Ciabaszewski  
Second Place: Bob Cloman  
Third Place: Pete Schotanus

The results of the Craver Memorial Trophy Race

First Place: Pete Schotanus  
Second Place: Joe Bottasso  
Third Place: Bob Cloman

The results of the Phil Nims Memorial Trophy Race

First Place: Doug Kenyon  
Second Place: Bob Cloman  
Third Place: Tom Pezzella

The results of the Sunfish Regatta

First Place: Ed Hnath  
Second Place: Bob Ciabaszewski  
Third Place: Pete Schotanus

The results of the 2010 Point Score Series

First Place: Jon Barthel  
Second Place: Ken Stevens & John LeBoeuf  
Third Place: Bob Gurlitz

The results of the Point Breeze Regatta

First Place: Phil Bastien  
Second Place: Bob Ciabaszewski  
Third Place: Bob Cloman & Henry Neeser

*The Patriot*, a weekly newspaper published in Webster, wrote an article on the Point Breeze Regatta. A copy of the article has been submitted for posting on our website.



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## Articles

### The Spirituality of Sailing

by Alan Krupp ([afkjog@aol.com](mailto:afkjog@aol.com))

The wind, the waves, the wake, the water  
Blending together by nature's order,  
With tiller and mains'l sheet in hand,  
We sail away from shore and sand.

Tacking, reaching, running we go,  
Our own graceful silhouettes to show,  
Dancing with the elements on an even keel,  
The thrill of the moment feels almost surreal.

Heeling leeward with spray in our face,  
Communing with the elements as we race.  
Our sails cast shadows, their colors are bright.  
The view from the shore a beautiful sight.

Our spirits are lifted on these special days,  
As we sail in the sun with its vibrant rays,  
The lure of the wind, the water, the sky  
Nourish our souls, yet we're never sure why.

## Editor's Perspective

### Water, The Amazing Molecule

The blending of one oxygen atom and two hydrogen atoms results in about 70 % of our earth's surface. Life itself cannot exist without H<sub>2</sub>O. It is the transport medium for our body's chemicals, nutrients, enzymes, etc., and prevents the very lethal desiccation of our world's plant and animal tissues. When searching other planets for evidence of life, it is water we hope to find. We as sailors enjoy the site of H<sub>2</sub>O, both its calmness and its turbulence, inviting us for a few hours of challenge and pleasure. Little kids thrill at hurling a flat stone and skimming it across the water. Bathers enjoy its refreshing and cooling effects. Fishermen spend hours with their lines, hooks, sinkers, flies, or live bait angling and awaiting the big catch. Beavers, the master builders, create absolutely incredible home structures in the water. Magnificent birds and marine life live on, reproduce on, and adorn our waterways. Exquisite floras decorate and beautify our marshes. Man-made dams have sequestered water in the process of generating electricity. Water provides a livelihood for many of us.

In the spring of this year our world was shocked and overwhelmed by the accidental contamination of this amazing molecule by petroleum off the coast of Louisiana. The interaction of our industries' search for energy resources and water points out how precarious that relationship can become. Balancing commercial endeavors with our beautiful world of nature remains paramount and requires our continuous vigilance.

Bordering Webster Lake are about 700 homes and several businesses. I am not sure whether it is completely known whether any toxic effluent or contaminants enter the lake from either of these sources. As sailors and lovers of this amazing molecule, we must remain forever vigilant.

### Sailor Humor

Alan: Sorry about misunderstanding your email. I must have been listing to port.

Lewis (a little hard of hearing): Did you say listing on port?

## Letter to the Editor

On August 8<sup>th</sup>, Bob Gurlitz and I went out in my NENA looking for the Committee Boat, which was overdue. We found the boat with Joe Bottasso aboard and Bob Cloman in the water trying to right a capsized catamaran. When that failed, they towed the cat into Reid Smith Cove. Another boat also helped tow. A police boat arrived and its presence warded off a flotilla of passing boats. The operation took a couple of hours.

I suggest that Bob and Joe receive some sort of public service award for their demonstration of the WSA sailing spirit to the larger boater community.

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