

Jibs & Jibes

**Official Newsletter of the
Webster Sailing Association**

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From the Helm

By Tom Pezzella, Commodore

8-19-18

Well, with just a couple of weekends left to summer, I'm sure like me you're trying to make the most of your time. We do have the Fall Banquet and Trophy Make-Up Race on 8/26 at the Anchorage. I hope to see as many members there as possible, especially new members. Remember that the election of officers will take place at that time, and that all positions are always open. Please notify John LeBoeuf if you are interested. Also, the Point Breeze Regatta is on 9/9, and is a great event in which you should all participate.

Lots happening on the lake. We started the season at the lowest water level in many years, and now we are the highest for Aug. Check out the spillway at Price Chopper. One inch of rain on the lake surface is equal to 1,000,000 gallons. Lake temps this week were as follows in N. Pond: 0 ft= 81F, -22ft= 70F, -38ft= 51F. Visibility has been poor most of the summer with all the rain/runoff, at 13.4ft using the Secchi disk, and chlorophyll, an indicator of algae growth, is high.

This year two eaglets were born to George and Martha in S.Pond, the 9th in 11 years, and were named Gemini and Apollo. They both appear to be female, which is noticeable when flying along side their smaller father. Both are very vocal with distinct calls and can be seen daily. They still return to the nest on Little Is. to be fed by George, as they cannot hunt on their own or even hold a fish and eat on a perch yet. Martha has had very little to do with them since shortly after birth in late May.



The town is proceeding with its plans for a 100-boat marina behind Memorial Beach in N.Pond. Most residents are opposed for many reasons. Please see the town's website to follow or attend meetings. Obviously, WSA would not welcome that much additional traffic on weekends.



WSA Committee Announcements

This section is from the following that may have statements or announcements for the WSA members: Senior Vice - Commodore, Vice Commodore, Executive Committee, Treasurer, Secretary, Race Committee, Grounds Committee, Communications Committee, Program Committee, Nominating Committee and Webmaster.

From our Senior Vice - Commodore, Bob Gurlitz - I would like to thank Josh Hines for volunteering to be the Grounds Committee chairman. I would also like to thank Roger and Sally for all of the work that they have done for the past few seasons. It is the extra work that they do that makes the association enjoyable for the rest of us.

From our Grounds Chairman, Josh Hines – I would first like to thank Roger Livingston and Sally Mitchel for all their hard work and continued support of the WSA grounds. Roger stepped down from Grounds Committee Chairman effective May 31st and this will be Sally's last year overseeing the weekly cleaning assignments. Both Roger and Sally continue to be an integral part to the upkeep of the WSA grounds and everyone is thankful for their contributions.

The grounds are in good shape. A work party was conducted on August 10th where the ramp connecting the stairs to the left hand dock was replaced and work began on replacing the footings on the patio roof overhang. Other projects planned for this year include refinishing the bathroom floors, shoring up the posts along the sunfish parking area, re-securing dock moorings, and potentially re-sealing the pavement on the ramp. If you notice something that may need repair or have ideas for potential projects please let me know.

I would like to remind all members that it is each member's responsibility to mow their dry sailing parking spot(s). There is a lawnmower and string trimmer located in the shed. While some people mow several spots, there are other folks who have neglected to mow their spots. I would also like to make mention of the weekly cleaning assignments. There have been a couple of instances where members have failed to complete their cleaning duty. As a completely volunteer club, it is unfair to other members to pick up the slack for skipped assignments. If you can't complete the duty on the assigned weekend, please find someone to switch with.

Lastly, some end of the season reminders. The closing work part is scheduled for October 27th and the docks will be taken out at that point. On November 30th the anchorage will close for the season and all boats, sails, motors, and gas cans must be removed. We will be continuing the winter storage program again this year. The deadline for submitting the storage form and payment will be sent out as the season winds down.



WSA Members: Life & Sailing

This section is about our members. This may include member's profile or any announcement or milestone that should be celebrated with the group.

Kenny & Liz Spindola: Profile



We've been married almost 40 years and been sailing most of it having various sailboats from Marshall Catboats to our Friendship Sloop sailing in Buzzards Bay. In 2016, we downsized to an O'Day Daysailer and joined WSA. We now own a Starwind 19 moored outside the anchorage. We've always been active and still enjoy

golfing as well our motorcycle trips with our Goldwing Motorcycle Chapter.

Congratulations – Roger!

Roger Livingston is a major figure at WSA. He is tremendously knowledgeable about the Association and always available for any member in need.



Roger has been an important part in keeping the “anchorage” up and running. If you see Roger, congratulate him on 40 years of sailing and supporting WSA. As he indicated on Facebook, he still has the hand - written letter from the Association Secretary, Alis Nims, indicating that the executive committee had voted him in as a member. Here's wishing you another 40 years with WSA.



New Appointment – Josh Hines



Congratulations to Josh as our new Grounds Chairman. Josh is overseeing the docks, waterfront, grounds and Anchorage. Roger continues to assign mooring and dry sailing spaces.



New WSA Members

We want to extend a very warm welcome to our newest WSA family members for 2018...

Paul J Bachand
Alan Beckner
Ray DeSanti
David Eaton
Steve Koral



In Memory of...

We want to acknowledge the passing of our long-time members and friends, **Ernie and Ruth Boudreau**, who both passed away this past winter. Our condolences go out to Judy Schotanus and her family.

Photos, Photos & More Photos...

Special thanks to **Sally Mitchell** and **Susan Donohue Colby** for their expert photography throughout this sailing season. Without them, our members would not be able to view the events and races as well as the preparation that it takes to have these functions available for the WSA members.

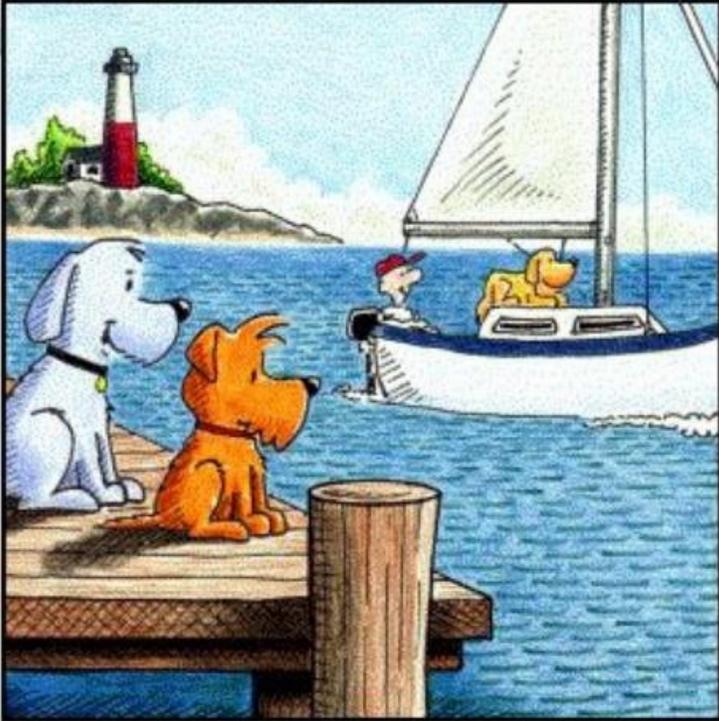




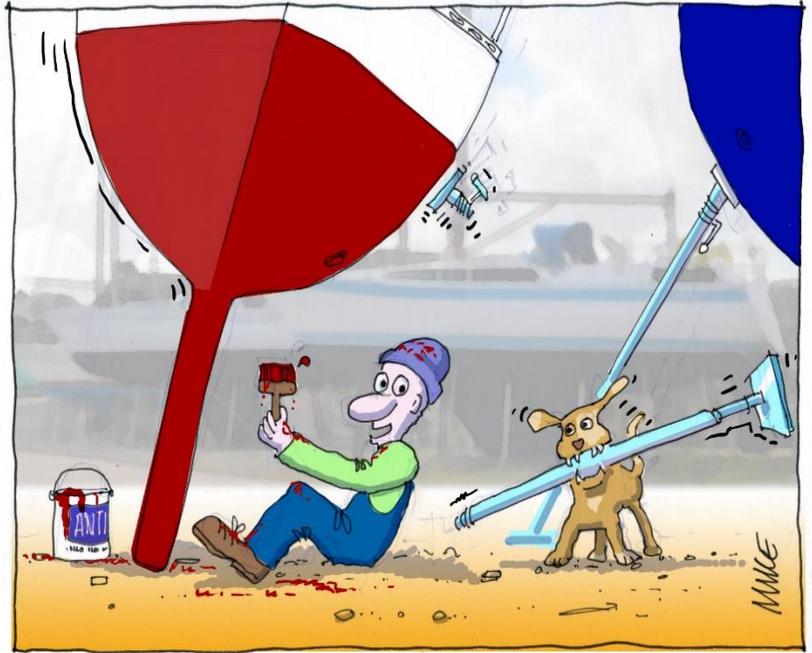
Nautical Laughter

SAILTOONS

by Michael Malzone



HE SAYS IT'S LIKE HANGING YOUR HEAD OUT THE CAR WINDOW BUT MUCH BETTER!



"Hello Boy! Whats that you've got there?"



WHEN I INVITED YOU FOR A SAIL AND SAID YOU'D BE IN CHARGE OF TYING CLEATS, I HAD SOMETHING ELSE IN MIND!

Close Hauled



SOCIAL NETWORKING FOR SAILORS

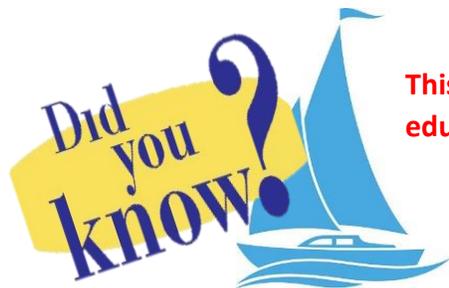


Notice to Mariners

This section is for information that might be of interest to boating on the lake.

Clipper herbicide treatments The Webster Lake Association (WLA) has successfully applied for, and received, permission to perform a five-year study of the effects of repeated annual Clipper herbicide treatments on Webster Lake. The WLA has been working with the Massachusetts Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (MassEEA) on a study involving Clipper herbicide for the past 18 months. This is the first study of its kind to ever be approved by MassEEA and has allowed the WLA to become an environmental leader within Massachusetts regarding the treatment of invasive aquatic weed species. This announcement also marks the most significant moment in invasive aquatic weed species policy for the WLA since the inception of the organization. The study will commence in early June of 2018 as part of the annual herbicide treatment of Webster Lake, and will consist of three years of herbicide treatment, followed by two years of observation.

2018 Aquatic (Weed) Treatment Areas of Webster Lake was chemically treated with USEPA/MA registered aquatic herbicides on Wednesday, June 13th to control nuisance and invasive aquatic vegetation. The entire lake was closed for swimming and other water contact recreation on the day of treatment only (June 13th). The State & Town Boat ramps was closed to launching of boats on the day of treatment and the Town Beach will also be closed.



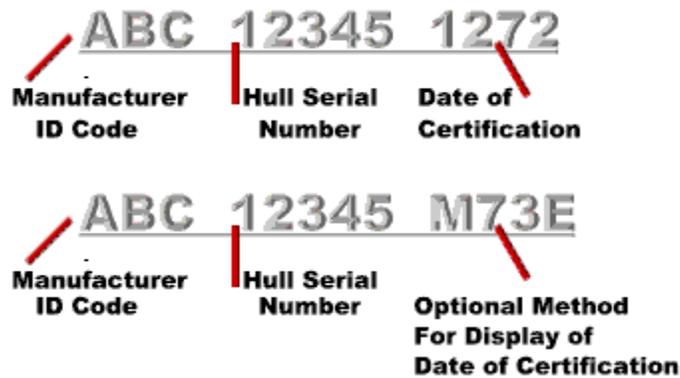
This section is for information or interesting articles for the education of our members.

Hull Identification Number

BoatSafe.com

Did you ever wonder what that strange series of letters and numbers on the transom of your boat are. Well, if you have taken the [Nautical Know How course](#) you know they are Hull Identification Numbers (HIN) and that they are required. But, what do they mean?

All boats manufactured or imported on or after November 1, 1972 must bear a HIN. The HIN is a 12 character serial number that uniquely identifies your boat. The HIN has an important safety purpose. It enables manufacturers to clearly identify for boat owners the boats that are involved in a defect notification and recall campaign. A HIN is not the same as a State registration number, which may be required to be displayed on the bow of your boat. The HIN is a Federal requirement; your boat's registration number is a State requirement similar to the license plate on your car. The HIN, however, is required to be shown on the State certificate of registration.

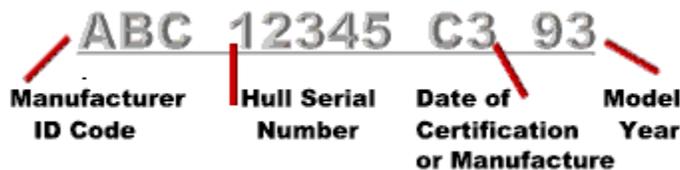


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***Key to Month of Model Year**

Figure 1 - HIN Formats Before August 1, 1984

The boat manufacturer must display two identical hull identification numbers, no less than one-fourth of an inch high, on each boat hull. The primary HIN must be permanently affixed (so that it can be seen from outside the boat) to the starboard side of the transom within two inches of the top of the transom, gunwale, or hull/deck joint, whichever is lowest. On boats without transoms or on boats on which it would be impractical to the transom, the HIN must be affixed to the starboard outboard side of the hull, aft within one foot of the stern and within two inches of the top of hull side, gunwale, or hull/deck joint, whichever is lowest. The starboard outboard side of the hull aft is the preferred HIN location for many manufacturers. On catamarans and pontoon boats the HIN must be affixed on the aft crossbeam within one foot of the starboard hull attachment.



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Figure 2 - HIN Format After August 1, 1984

Boats manufactured or imported on or after August 1, 1984, also have a duplicate secondary HIN affixed somewhere on an unexposed location inside the boat or beneath a fitting or item of hardware. The purpose is to help authorities identify your boat if a thief or vandals remove or damage the primary HIN on the transom. It is illegal for anyone (manufacturer, dealer, distributor, or owner) to alter or remove a HIN without the express written authorization of the Commandant, U.S. Coast Guard.

The regulations prescribe the format of the HIN. The first three characters are a MIC (Manufacturer Identification Code) assigned by the Coast Guard to the manufacturer or the person importing the boat; characters four through eight are a serial number assigned by the manufacturer; the last four characters indicate the month and year the boat was built, and the model year. Prior to August 1, 1984, the manufacturer had the option of expressing this in the form of a model year designation.

The Coast Guard maintains a searchable database of MICs if you want to check yours out - [click here](#).

Individuals building boats for their own use and not for the purposes of sale are what are referred to as "backyard boat builders." They must obtain a 12 character HIN from their State boating agency. The Manufacturer Identification Code at the beginning of the HIN for a "home built" boat is an abbreviation for the State followed by a "Z" which indicates that it is a State identification.



Members DIY Hints

Member hints regarding upgrades and boat maintenance including boat product critiques.

Every sailor is interested in knowing what others have accomplished and any tidbits that may become helpful for our own boat projects. So members send in and share your DIY hints and jobs for the next newsletter.





WSA & Lake News

Any news or events that are WSA or lake related.

ICE-OUT Einstein fell through the ice on Monday, February 19, just hours before the official close of ticket sales, so a drawing was required to pick the winners. The drawing was held on Wednesday March 28, at Point Breeze Restaurant. Around 60 people attended. Drink, friends, and free appetizers (supplied by Point Breeze) helped to make it a great evening. Giving away the money made it even better.



WSA Fall Banquet – Yes, it’s already here! Mark your calendar for Sunday August 26 and come enjoy good food, summer sailing stories and laughter. As with any “pot luck” dinner, bring a dish to share.



WSA Calendar of Events

August

8/26 (Sunday)

TROPHY RACE MAKE-UP DAY, IF NECESSARY. 2:00 PM START

FALL POTLUCK BANQUET & BUSINESS MEETING AT THE ANCHORAGE

PLEASE BRING MAIN DISH & SALAD/DESSERT APPITEZER TO SHARE

POTLUCK BANQUET 5:00 MEETING & TROPHIES AROUND 6:00

9/2 (Sunday)

LABOR DAY WEEKEND...NO ACTIVITIES PLANNED

September

9/9 (Sunday)

POINT BREEZE TROPHY RACE-POINT BREEZE RESTAURANT

9:30AM REGISTRATION-10:00 SKIPPERS MTG-DINNER 5:00 PM

AWARDS FOLLOW DINNER

10/27 (Sunday)

October

CLOSING WORK PARTY DOCKS OUT; GROUNDS CLEAN UP 9:00 AM START
BRING CLOVES, RAKES, PRUNERS AND HIP BOOTS.

11/30 (Friday)

November

W.S.A. CLOSED FOR SEASON ALL BOATS; & DINGHIES;SAILS, MOTORS AND
GAS CANS MUST BE REMOVED.

PRPARATION FOR WINTER STORAGE SHOULD BE COMPLETE.

8-21 WLA email



The "For the Sake of the Lake" drawing was a huge success again this year. We sold 792 tickets (the most ever for this drawing)! After the prizes and expenses were accounted for, we netted \$11,195.00 (again, the most ever for this drawing)! Many thanks to all ticket buyers for making this such a grand success.

The winners were:

1st Prize: Jeanne Benoit - \$2000.00

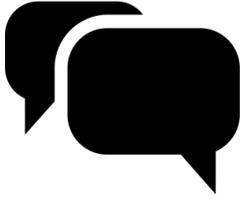
2nd Prize: Tim Condlin - \$1000.00

3rd Prize (3 winners) - \$500 each:

Susan Hofeller, Paul Pace, Cameron Fournier

Special thanks to Robin Jewell for doing a great job of organizing the drawing again this year (and for paying for stationery and postage). Also thanks to Ron and Joan Kokernak, Jayne Cacciaputi, and Sam Pappas for helping to make this a success by handling various aspects of collecting, counting and totaling.





Members Blog

This section is a hub for members to share their thoughts, questions, opinions and stories.

From the Commodore's email:

Many of you have told me that you enjoy hearing about events on the lake, some of which are purely interesting, while others concern us directly. Here's the latest:

Eagles Have Landed: (Commodore's May email, photos by Susan Donohue Colby)



You may have read in my last email that there were 12 eagles on the ice at one spot this winter, which I find extraordinary!

George & Martha attempted to rebuild the original nest on Cobble Is., their first site, on

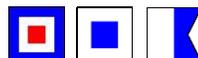


Middle Pond, in front of Point Breeze. However, the 2 tallest white pines fell into the water during a storm in the fall, one containing their nest. So they went back to Little Is. at the entrance to South Pond. Two chicks were hatched late this year, due to the cold spring. So far they are doing fine. Interestingly, MA Fish & Game will probably NOT come out to band the birds, as they have SO MANY around the state. Certainly a success story. These are the 9th eaglets born on the lake since May 2013. Sadly, Freedom, the first chick in 2013 (and banded) was injured in a fight and euthanized.



Beavers:

Webster Lake actually has a beaver problem, with a population of HUNDREDS! One resident witnessed 15 trapped in S. Pond, and had 7 more in front of his house the next day. Trapping is regulated, and 15 people have licenses to trap from Nov.-Apr. If you are a property owner, you hate to see your beautiful, expensive trees felled into the water. I actually witnessed a large male drop one a while back.



Weed control:

This is an ongoing and expensive problem. Left untreated, it would be difficult to sail, motor or swim in the lake and the overall quality would be greatly diminished. Keep in mind that this is a natural problem. What we are fighting are the invasive species, with no natural control, especially variable leaf milfoil and fan wort, which we have in Winter Cove. We are not attempting to eradicate the lily pads. WSA has tried to do that in the past at great expense and little overall results as you can see.

These weeds reproduce by fragmentation, so boat propellers, trailers, water intake by motors, centerboards, rudders and even strong winds help to spread the plants.

WSA contributes a modest amount to the WLA, who oversees the weed control effort. This year, the WLA will use Clipper, first appearing on the market in 2011. It has been approved in every state except MA until now. Advantages, less expensive (\$500/acre) , longer-lasting(3 years), fast acting (.4-1 day). The WLA will treat 12% of the lake, at 100ppb (lowest effective dose) at \$500/acre, total \$67,375.

For comparison, "Sonar" is \$1400/acre, every year, and takes 60-90 days to be effective. Hydro raking is \$10,000-20,000/acre, total \$20 million!

The weed survey alone costs \$25,800. Special thanks to State Rep Joe McKenna and State Senator Ryan Fattman for procuring a grant for \$50,000. For Webster Lake weed control. The balance will be paid through WLA fundraising, and signs will be posted to stay out of the water on treatment day.



Marina:

At the Town Meeting, the Webster selectmen push for a 100- boat slip marina at Memorial Beach, inside Nipmuc Cove. A member of the Webster lake Association expressed his concern that the public is not aware of the project, and has had no say thus far. He felt that there should be a master plan for use of the whole property, including maps, environmental impact study, etc.

Personally, and on behalf of WSA, I would be concerned about several issues here, most importantly increased boat traffic, especially on race days. Imagine if only 50 of those boaters choose to pass through Middle Pond during our race. For safety, I can see WSA forced to hire a police detail every Sunday to ensure the safety of our sailors. Other concerns are trash on the water, spilled fuel as they gas up, noise, congestion, and intoxicated boat operators.

It is the selectmen's position that they have sole authority to proceed with the project without input, and can determine the length of the lease to a marina operator. The voters chose to pass over the article at this time. We must follow this carefully, be willing to express our concerns, and take necessary action. This by the way is in addition to the new marina being built at Indian Ranch.



WSA Photo Gallery

Opening Work Party





Sunfish Regatta





Friends & Family Day





Kenyon Series Race







Phil Nums Memorial Trophy Race







Everyday WSA Moments







Classifieds:

Items for sale, for free, or available services

18 Hobie – Good condition, selling cheap. \$975.00. Call Mike 860-420-9927

Wanted – Jib & mainsail in good condition for O’Day 20. Call Frank Jablonski, 508-278-0600 (H), 508-341-7635 (C).

Indoor Winter Storage - Located in Douglas. \$150 until April 1st. Call Jim Ducharme 508-476-7307.

Hobie w/ Trailer - \$2500 or best offer. Complete with trailer. Call Rick Windward 508-868-0915. Ready to sail.



Editor's corner



There are sections of the "Jibs & Jibes" Newsletter that require input from our members. Please email me at kennethspindola@gmail.com for anything you would like to include. Below are some areas that could use members input:

Classified section: Items to sell, give away, services provided or wanted.

DIY Hints section: Any upgrades or boat maintenance done that may be of interest, or critiquing boat products, good or bad.

Members Profile section: Some info about yourself and your sailing experiences.

Photo Gallery section: Any photos you may have from this year to add.

Members Blog Section: It's a hub for members to share their thoughts, questions or opinions, also stories.

As with any newsletter, it's only successful with member participation.

Ken Spindola

