



Jibs & Jibes

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Webster Sailing Association**

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From the Helm

By Tom Pezzella, Commodore



WSA MAN OF THE YEAR

On behalf of WSA I want to thank Norman and Dennis for their efforts with the bobcat and trailer in removing the leaves! I'm sorry but grateful that you had to make several trips to Sturbridge to get rid of them. I also know that you put a lot of time and money into building the trailer for our benefit.

We apparently have no Webster-resident club members with a compost sticker to dispose of them locally. As you may know, I got rid of my pickup truck and trailer (and dump sticker) last year, so that option is gone. I'll admit that I don't miss it, as the shoveling off of the wet leaves and sand was taxing on my heart. We will work on this issue for next year.

Just for all to know, you must be a resident to use the compost station. Technically, they could refuse water weeds. Stickers are \$40 for leaves and grass, \$100 for brush, no bigger than 2 inches, and cut to a max of 4 feet. They are very strict, inspect each load and sticker on your windshield, and will turn you away for non-compliance.

In the spring, I will get a burning permit for \$10 and we'll take care of the cleanup that way. Of course we sneak in the lumber for the old dock sections as well, trying to save where we can.

I also want to thank you for bringing the Committee boat and motor back and forth to Hazard Marine for winterization, saving us another \$60. If you need help getting it back under the roof, call me. Thanks Norm for all you do! We appreciate it! You are our "WSA MAN OF THE YEAR!"

WSA Executive 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, Jibs & Jibes Editor and Webmaster.



From our Treasurer, Norman Cloutier – Norm submitted the Treasurer Report to the WSA members at the Fall Banquet Meeting on 8/24/2019. For the complete report, please contact Norm for a copy.

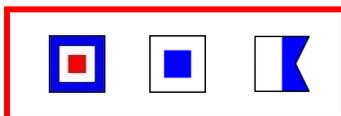
NEW WSA APPOINTMENTS



Phil Bastien - Phil is an avid sailor and a very experienced racer (as per his racing trophy records), and is taking over for Doug Kenyon as the new racing committee director. We thank Doug for the many dedicated hours he has given in creating fair and competitive competition within WSA racing.



Lewis Wolfenson – Lewis has taken over some of the responsibilities of the late Roger Livingston. Lewis will be responsible for maintaining the WSA web page (<http://www.wsasail.org>), as well as dealing with WSA communication matters within the organization for all our members.





Notice to Mariners

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

Thank you and Comments from the WLA President



*Public Service Announcement
forwarded by
The Webster Lake Association*

Webster Lake Association Members,

I would first like to thank all members who offered feedback on the two options that were presented in response to vote-buying. A majority of the Board of Directors, after reviewing received feedback, recommended that Option 1 be adopted to correct for this practice.

Option 1 recommended the following amendments be made to the WLA bylaws:

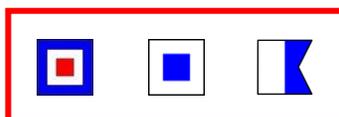
- Definition of and explicit prohibition of “vote-buying”.
- Recommendation for removal of a person from the WLA who is found to have engaged in vote-buying.
- Ban on the sale of new memberships on the day of an election.
- Prohibition of a new member from voting in a WLA election if the membership has been purchased within forty-five (45) days of the date of the election.

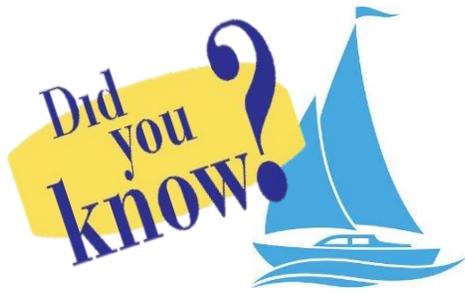
The Board of Directors, on its own, has adopted bylaws that define and explicitly prohibit vote-buying, and recommend for removal any person from the WLA who is found to have engaged in vote-buying. Proposed bylaws that ban the sale of new memberships on the day of an election, and prohibit a new member from voting in a WLA election if the membership was purchased within forty-five days of the date of the election have not yet been adopted as bylaws because these proposed amendments are a “qualification for membership”. Any “qualification for membership” must be approved by a vote of the membership and cannot be adopted solely by the Board of Directors (see WLA bylaw Section 2.1).

A vote by membership for or against these two proposed bylaws will not occur at the WLA Membership meeting this coming Wednesday, 12/11/19, because the agenda item was not published in the agenda for the meeting.

Lastly, and on an unrelated manner, a majority of the Board of Directors voted to amend Section 2.10 of the WLA bylaws to set the required quorum for a membership meeting to forty (40) voting members.

Thank you,
Jason Piader
President, Webster Lake Association





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

History of Lake

Chargoggagoggmanchauggagoggchaubunagungamaugg

The Name

From the days when the big lake with the longest name in the United States was a central gathering place for the Nipmuc Indians and their friends, the great pond - divided by narrow channels into three larger bodies of water - has been famed throughout the area.

The Indians had several different names for the great body of water, as can be learned from early maps and old historical records. However, all of these were similar in part and had almost the same translation, according to Indian language. Among early names were Chabanaguncamogue, Chaubanagogum, and Chaubunagungamaug, the latter now incorporated in the long name.

All historians - and Indians of this and other territories - have agreed that Chaubunagungamaugg means "Fishing Place at the Boundary".

One of the tribes on the other side of the lake was the Monuhchogoks, which was corrupted to the name Manchaug. A map of 1795, showing the town of Dudley, indicated the Lake name as "Chargoggagoggmanchoggagogg". In 1831, both Dudley and Oxford, which adjoined the lake, filed maps listing the name of the pond as Chargoggagoggmanchoggagogg, but a survey of the lake done in 1830 lists the name as Chaubunagungamaug, the ancient name.

Authorities have indicated that the development of the name to the present long form stems from the time Samuel Slater began his mills near the lake, which was nearer the

Manchaug village. Hence the Indian designation Chargoggagoggmanchauggagogg meaning "Englishmen at Manchaug," came into use. Later they added their original Indian descriptive name, and the entire designation becomes "Englishmen at Manchaug at the Fishing Place at the Boundary" -- or Lake Chargoggagoggmanchauggagoggchaubunagungamaugg.

Despite this official knowledge, the lake - now descending too often to the designation of Webster Lake - is known the world over by the humorous translation "You Fish on Your Side, I Fish on My Side, Nobody Fish in the Middle".

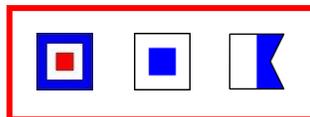
As far as is known, the great publicity attained by this translation and the length of the name, stems from a story once written by Larry Daly, editor of the Webster TIMES, and widely picked up by other papers and magazines. In his humorous article about the Lake and the Nipmucs, and the disagreement over the translation, he submitted his own translation - which is now more freely accepted than the authentic meaning.

In the days of the Indians, the lake was a noted fishing place. The tribes gathered there for their pow-wows.

The coming of the white man changed that kind of gathering, but throughout the years, the lake with the long name has continued to attract thousands of people to its shores each summer.

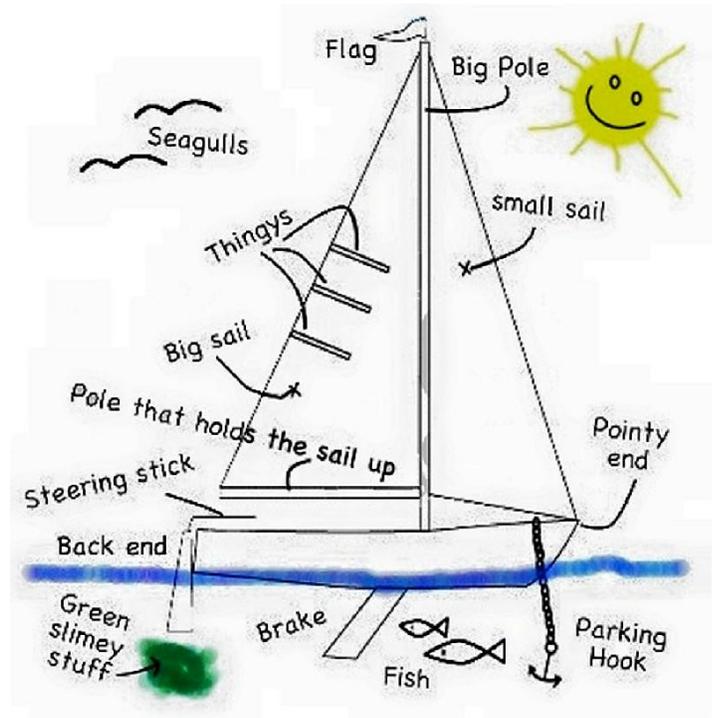
Some Statistics

The area of the Lake is 1,442 acres, which comprise three spring-fed lakes joined by narrow channels, North Pond, Middle Pond and South Pond. There are 17 miles of shore line. The length of the Lake is 3.25 miles, and at its widest point in Middle Pond, the distance is 1.125 miles. The shore line of North Pond is 5.78 miles, of Middle Pond, 7.06 miles, and South Pond is 4.17 miles.



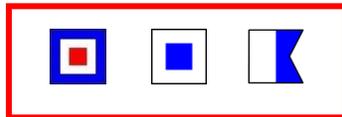
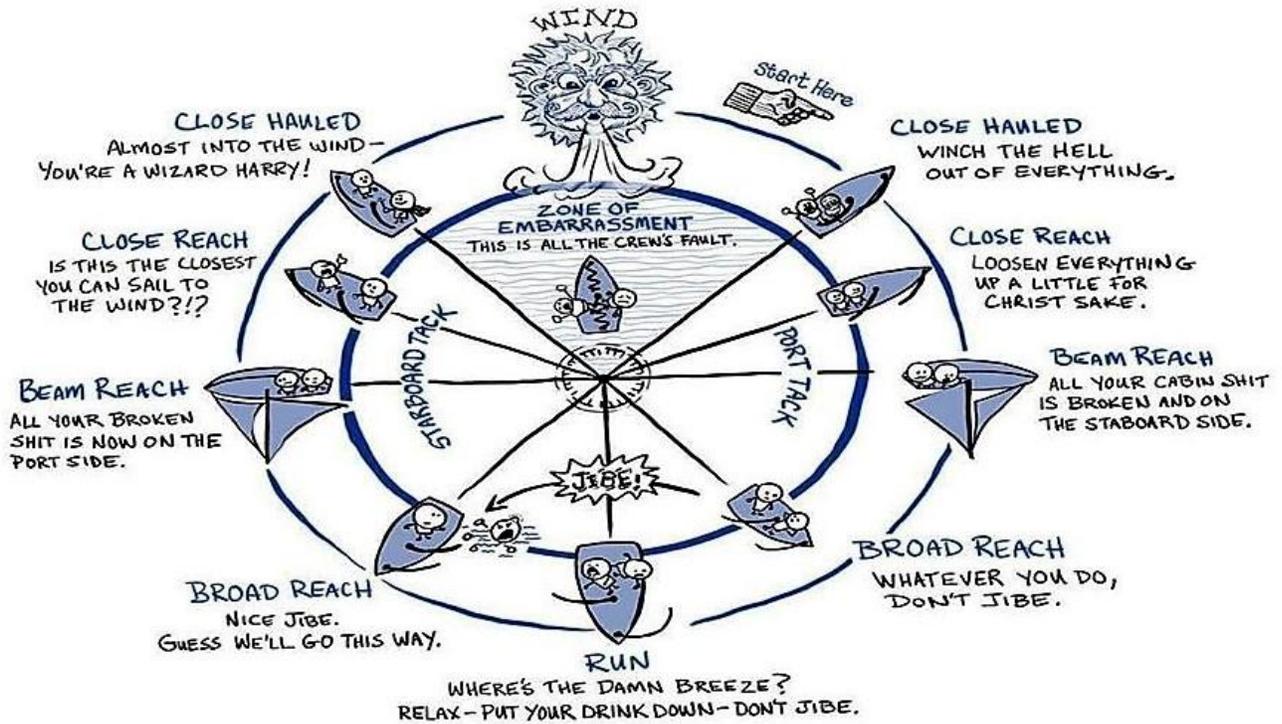
SAILING HUMOR

WSA SAILING TERMS



FYI.... World's largest regatta in Trieste, Italy. Last year, the 50th anniversary of the Barcolana, as the race is called, included 2,689 boats with 16,000 sailors, making it the largest regatta in the world

POINTS OF SAIL



WSA & Lake News

Any news or events that are WSA or lake related.

RACING RESULTS FOR 2019.....

Kenyon Series:

- 1st Place – Phil Bastien
- 2nd Place – Josh Hines
- 3rd Place – Lee Amodeo



July 4th Trophy Race:

- 1st Place – Phil Bastien
- 2nd Place – Rich Lemer
- 3rd Place – Lee Amodeo

Craver Memorial Race:

- 1st Place – Bob Cloman
- 2nd Place – Lee Amodeo
- 3rd Place – Phil Bastien

Phil Nims Memorial Race:

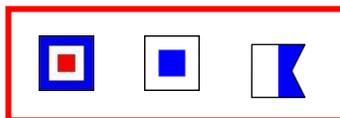
- 1st Place – Phil Bastien
- 2nd Place – Lee Amodeo
- 3rd Place – Charlie Farber



Congratulations to the winners and especially to everyone that participated in all the races. A special thank you goes to Susan Colby for her great photography during the races.

BOAT INSPECTION

The USCG Auxiliary did 9 boat vessel inspections at WSA for 2019. We will be doing more inspections around the lake in 2020. Inspections are best to be done at the beginning of the boating season. We will post on the WSA calendar a Saturday for inspections. If you miss it? Just e-mail me at colbyjohn@charter.net and I will make arrangements to have your boat inspected. Boating regulation brochures will be on the table at the club. Wishing you a safe sailing season at the club. John Colby

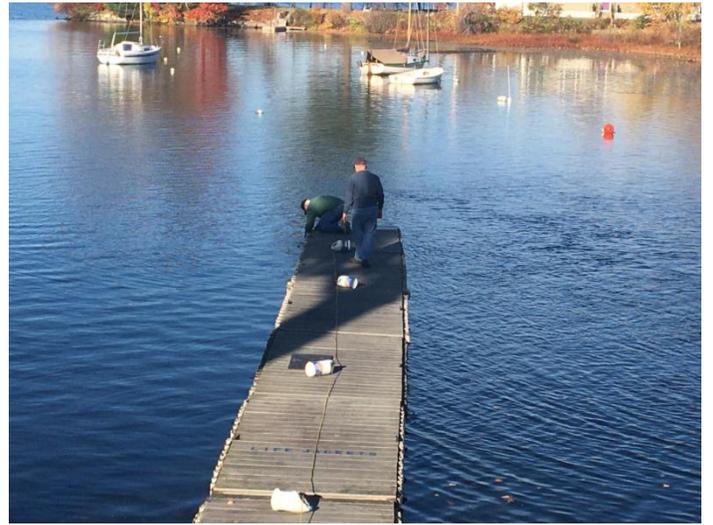


WSA Photo Gallery

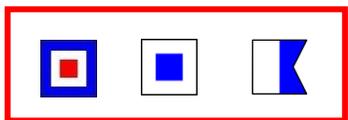


CLOSING WORK PARTY











Members Blog

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

A HAPPY MEMBER

I had a great first summer at WSA. The season was everything I expected and more. I'm looking forward to April... when do the docks go into the water?
Merry Christmas to you and your family.

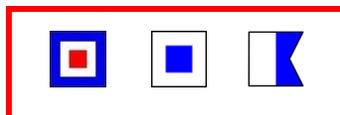
Stan Schertzer
"Papa's Bliss"

REGATTA POINT COMMUNITY SAILING & WSA

We have partnered with Regatta Point for our mutual benefit.
One of our goals is to promote and attract younger people to the sport of sailing.
It is our hope that in this process of RP's teaching of our youth to sail, that as adults they will purchase their own boats and become members of WSA.

Please forward to WSA membership for their consideration.

Thank you,
Tom Pezzella
Commodore
WSA





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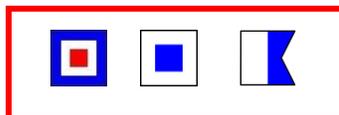
Items for sale, for free, or available services

1977 O'day Mariner.
Sailboat, trailer and a 5 hp Mercury outboard with a fuel tank, all paperwork and title.
3 year old North Sails racing sails
Asking 4K and can be seen call 508-344-8667 Henry Neeser



Selling my Daysailer cover for \$100. Only used two seasons.

Tom
508-768-7082



Editor's corner



Happy New Year to our WSA members... most likely one of our major resolutions is to do more sailing this 2020. If you have any thoughts or ideas on what you would like to see in the newsletter, please email me.

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

Ken & Liz Spindola

