

Hard A Lee

*An occasional newsletter of
The Wichita Falls Sailing Club*

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WFSC Fleet Meeting Set for Feb 18 at The Forum

The annual Fleet Meeting will be Feb 18 at The Forum, 2120 Speedway.

As you likely know from past years, we'll have a chance – starting about 6 p.m. - to socialize with other racers and Club members, eat, drink and be merry. (BYOB, but soft drinks and snacks provided by the Club.)

Then we'll get down to business, set a schedule, talk about rules and any other race related topics anybody wants to introduce.

The door to the meeting room is on the east side of The Forum building.

Hope to see you there. All Club members are invited.

More information: Steve Priester, 782-7016.

Commodore's Corner

By Rip Medlinger, 2025 Commodore

Ahoy fellow sailors.

We've had enough nice weather lately that one could be fooled into thinking Spring is suddenly upon us. Already there have been a few boats on the water (I, myself, claim to have taken the first sail of the year a couple weeks ago, but I didn't break out my camera to prove it).

And there are other signs of activity picking up at the Club. The Fleet Meeting will be held next week, and the Chili Cookoff has been set in March (see details in this issue). Also, two new volunteers have joined us as we prepare for the new sailing season. Maja Spadin has agreed to update and manage our website, and Bink Davidson has taken over as harbormaster.

It was good seeing so many friendly faces at the February Directors' Meeting. The Shawvers were in attendance, as were Larry Ahlhorn, Brenda Spillman and a friend.

Our hope is that we can get more and more members involved so even a Director's Meeting can seem like a party.

Do come out, join in and socialize with us at the Fleet Meeting. Hope to see you there.

2025 WFSC Board of Directors

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Rob Hyde and kids take to the lake for a sail on a recent Saturday. Spells of rare warm winter weather have done a lot to make the season more bearable thus far.

GETTING A HANDLE ON A THORNY ISSUE

If you've used the Club much in the past couple years, you may have surmised that we've been losing the battle against goat heads and other stickers. We've tried treating the grounds ourselves with limited success.

This year, WFSC directors voted to bring in the professionals. After much research by Grounds Chairman Steve Priester, a contract was arranged with a local company to spray our three-to-four acres at key times to remove the unwanted sticker plants from our environment.

In other recent Board action, directors approved Rear Cmdr Glen Spadin's plan to start the social season off with a chili cookoff followed by a band on the Clubhouse deck. The date selected was March 29 (see more details on following page).

Also, the board authorized Harbormaster Bink Davidson to continue the search for a solution to the wobbly fingers in our slip area. Here's hoping his idea comes to fruition, cause we aint as acrobatic as we used to be.



As mentioned elsewhere, the annual Chili Cookoff and music fest has been scheduled for Saturday March 29.

For this event, chili chefs make their entries at home, then bring them fully cooked to the Club by about 2 p.m. (tentative). As the evening approaches, a team of judges tastes the reheated chilis, by now lined up in the buffet area.

Soon thereafter, they turn the classic Texas grub over to the masses (that's us). That'll be about 5ish (also tentative).

Somewhere in there, awards will be announced for the top chefs. Also, a Margarita Contest will be weaving its way throughout the festivities.

Commodore Medlinger promises a good band to close out the night. What could be better than a live band playing on the deck as the sun sags into a wide Lake Arrowhead sunset? Don't answer right away – think about it.

Chili cooks: call Rear Commodore Glen Spadin to confirm your entry and learn the official rules. Rules for chili? No way. Way.

Future Events

Our Rear Commodore puts a lot of thought and planning into our social schedule and Glen has many ideas for 2025, including a Summer Regatta featuring BBQ and an Ice Cream Social, and a Fall Regatta Fish Fry featuring a Navy Grog contest and Live Band. These ideas will be developed and given dates and times as the season progresses.

Sunset Sails

One event that has gained in popularity recently is the sunset sail, coordinated to the rising of a full or near-full moon.

Here are the potential dates for the 2025 **Potluck Dinner/SunSet Sail** events:

Friday 14 Mar (brrrrr)

Friday 11 Apr

Friday 9 May

Friday 13 June

Friday 4th of July Fireworks Extravaganza

Friday 11 July

Friday 8 Aug

Friday 5 Sep

Friday 3 Oct

Friday 7 Nov

Saturday Morning Trim and Tune

Work on your boat In anticipation of race season, or help others. Enjoy a little breakfast nosh.

10 am Saturday Mar 1

10 am Saturday Mar 8

10 am Saturday Mar 15

10 am Saturday Mar 22

LAKE LEVEL

2-10-25, 67.8 percent

2 days ago, 67.9 percent

1 week ago, 68.1 percent

1 month ago, 68.9 percent

6 months ago, 71.1 percent

1 year ago, 56.1 percent

FOR SALE AT THE CLUB



“Windsanity” is a solid Catalina 22 that has been a fixture at WFSC for many years.

She has been on the dry for several of them now, and is seeking a new owner to clean her up, fix a couple of things and launch into a new round of sailing adventures.

Currently for sale at a very attractive price. For more information, call Rob Havins, 940/257-1621.

(Club members:if you want to list a boat or related equipment in a future Hard A Lee, send us a pic and some info, including a phone #, to sailing@wfsail.org. Please use the subject line “For Hard A Lee” so we can more easily distinguish your email from all those offering Ukrainian brides and stuff)