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The Wichita Falls Sailing Club

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Commodore's Corner

Midsummer report: The lake is up,
but so are our club's expenses

By Rip Medlinger, 2025 Commodore

Ahoy fellow sailors!

Can you believe we're almost through July? That means 2025 is half over already!

Thankfully this spring did bring the rains we needed to fill the lake. It is so good to see it full again. I hope this will encourage people to get their boats out of mothballs and into the water. We have had good winds, which some of us have enjoyed.

During our recent Board of Directors meeting, the board voted to increase monthly membership dues by \$5 a month to cover very large increases we have incurred in the cost of our lease and insurance. This will make the monthly rate \$40, still extremely affordable compared to other clubs. The increase will begin January 1.

Check the WFSC schedule (at right). We are deep in the summer now, but we have a lot more sailing to do. I hope to see all of you at the lake soon.

2025 WFSC Board of Directors

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ON THE WFSC SCHEDULE

Saturday Aug 2 – Big Boat Fleet in racing action. Skippers Meeting at 10 a.m. Skippers, please rig before meeting so we can start as soon as possible. Plenty of good spectator seats at The Pavillion.

Thursday Aug 7 – WFSC Board of Directors meet at 7 p.m. at the Clubhouse.

Friday Aug 8 – potluck dinner and sunset sail. Potluck, 7 ish, with sail afterward. Members can join in the potluck, then either sail or watch the full moon rise from a comfortable deck chair. Rear Cmdr Glen Spadin is coordinator.

Saturday Aug 16 – Flying Scot fleet provides one-design action. Skippers Meeting at 10 a.m. Skippers, please rig before meeting so we can start as soon as possible. Plenty of good spectator seats at The Pavillion.

Saturday Aug 30 – Open Sail event. We tried one of these on a 5th Saturday earlier this year, and quite a few boats showed up. Just a fun low-stress sail event. 10 a.m. meetup.

Thursday Sept 4 - WFSC Board of Directors meet at 7 p.m. at the Clubhouse.



Friday Sept 5 – potluck dinner and sunset sail. Potluck, 7 ish, with sail afterward. Members can join in the potluck, then either sail or watch the full moon rise from a comfortable deck chair. Rear Cmdr Glen Spadin is coordinator.

Saturday Sept 6 – Big Boat Fleet races. Skippers Meeting at 11 a.m. Plenty of good spectator seats at The Pavillion.

Saturday Sept 20 – Flying Scot Fleet races. Skippers Meeting at 11 a.m. Plenty of good spectator seats at The Pavillion.

LAKE LEVEL

As of 7-22, **Lake Arrowhead** stood at 95.8%.
Upstream, **Lake Kickapoo** remains at 100%

(Arrowhead)

One week ago, 96.9 %

1 month ago, 99.3 %

3 months ago, 70.3 %

1 yr ago, 73.9 %

Mow, mow, mow

A hearty thanks to all those members who have come out and mowed and trimmed around their trailers and boats.

The weeds and Johnson grass have been supercharged this year by the recent rainfall. If you have a boat on the grounds, check it out and see if it might require a little additional grounds maintenance.

The Club maintains a mower (underneath the deck on west side) that all members can use.

PHOTOS AT RIGHT: *Our loyal race committee, Steve Priester, Deb Halter and Glenn Tole, ran the Hotstuff Regatta earlier this month in a breezy affair that saw three boats on the line for two races.*

John and Derrick Christoff, testing the starting line before the first race in top photo, took the start and won that race convincingly. Rip Medlinger won the second race. (See the schedule on Page One for future race dates at the Club.)

IN PHOTO BELOW, *Rachel Spadin acts casual, as if a ride on a big catamaran happens every day. She and her dad sailed the sporty craft during a recent trip to the coast. Alas, they didn't bring it home with them.*

