

THE TILLER

Lake Worth Sailing Club, Est. 1935
October, 2019

Commodore's Corner

Wow, it's been a busy month! We've had the Shrimp boil, Goatman's Regatta, Catalina 22 Regionals and the Harvest Moon Regatta. I can't wait to sit down and catch my breath!

The weather cooperated for the shrimp boil. We had a great turnout and great food thanks to the Laborde's and everyone else that helped out.

The Goatman's Regatta had a great turnout as well, we had 21 Sunfish and 4 board boats in the fleet race. If you didn't get to see some of the racing, there were boats everywhere! We have lots of pictures to share.

The Catalina 22 Regionals didn't fare as well in participation, though we did have to reschedule due to lake closures. Regardless, we had 11 boats compete in trying conditions, it was blowing 15-20 both days, lots of good competition!

It was Harvest Moon time again, we had three boats competing again this year, it was blowing 13-23 the first day, and around 40 the next day. Needless to say, the conditions were very trying. *Myassis Dragon II* finished first in her division. Because of high winds and seas, many boats dropped out or had to be towed in.

I'm looking forward to being home for a while, it's been a long few weeks of travel and off-lake racing, I'll be around the club, fixing this and that and telling sailor stories.

Dustin Philips has given up his membership, he and his family are busy with their careers, kids and office. Tyrell Hearn, has also resigned his membership, he and his wife do not own a boat yet, and have been busy as well. I've invited them all to come and visit and not to be strangers!

I will be sending out an email in the next few days, we will be looking at club clothes to order. (Members will need to respond to my email to purchase items, we will only be ordering what we need) – Thank you

- T-shirts (short and long sleeved) w/ logo and LWSC design on back – Metro Blue
- Hoodies (zip up and pullover) w/ logo and sailboat de-

sign on back – Heather Royal Blue

- Polo Shirts w/ logo – White
- Hats (LWSC logo, name and year) – Bright Gold, Red, Khaki and Columbia Blue

Don't forget the Commodore's Party is coming up on Oct. 26th, the Theme is Arabian Nights, emails and details to follow.

Commodore Flops



Vice-Commodore's Report

The heat is finally breaking which enables us to complete some fairly big chores at the club. The two big projects for the October 19 work party are completing the mower lean-to and refreshing the clubhouse trim. Saws, paint, hammers, etc. Of course yard work, fence repair, and dock board maintenance are always needed. Projects for everybody. Bring your favorite implements of destruction and help keep our facility looking spectacular. We also need somebody to prepare lunch.

Kudos to Ted Hubble and Larry Sallee for jumping in to help with dock repairs in the middle of the month. They both answered my call for help when we had projects that couldn't wait for the next scheduled work party.

We still have several holdouts who haven't moved their bow mooring lines to the D Rings. It really is easy and it's an excellent opportunity to replace the old lines with new ones. All members need to remember that they're responsible for maintaining their slip, both wet and dry. Joe Fuller donated a brand new push mower that is excellent for mowing under your trailer. I've used it three times and it starts first or second pull. Thank you Joe.

Gary Noyes, Vice-Commodore



A Brief History of the Lake Worth Sailing Club

The Early Years

LWSC was formed on the shores of Lake Worth in 1935 by a group of sixteen sailing enthusiasts led by Mr. Hampton (Hamp) Cottar. Hamp served as the club's first Snipe Fleet Captain & Club Commodore. He and wife Dottie were active in the club for many years and Dottie sewed sails for the homemade Snipes.

From the beginning, members sailed in Snipe regattas throughout the Southwest region. Mr. O.L. Pitts joined the club as its first elected member in 1936. Over the years both Hamp Cottar and Mr. Pitts also served as Commodore and board members of the Fort Worth Boat Club on Eagle Mountain Lake.

In June, 1936 the club and its fleet of fifteen Snipes were officially chartered by the Snipe Class International Racing Association (SCIRA).

The Winds of Change

Initially club members rented boat slips from Marion Herring Boat Works (near the present-day Marina Park), along with a shed to build their handcrafted wooden Snipes. In the spring of 1937 the members decided they needed a club house. After much searching they contacted camp owners John and Jessy Roach and rented a cabin in bad repair. The contract included use of the camp's dock which was also in

bad repair. On January 1, 1938, the disenchanting members leased property on the south point of Peninsula Club Circle where they built a pier and main club house.

Sadly, the site proved to be unsuitable when a spring storm blew in and did damage to the sailboat fleet. Negotiations were reopened and agreed upon with John Roach and club members moved their boats to the sheltered cove in use today. Club members then floated their new docks to the cove and replaced the old Roach docks. They also moved their newly built, one-room club house to its current location. Locker rooms, a bar/kitchen/storage area and plumbing were added in 1939. Later, knotty pine walls and electricity were added as were the nautical chandelier, handcrafted wooden signs over the locker room doors, fire place and flag pole.

Special Note: In about 1936-37 Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) Company 1816, living within Peninsula Club Circle, erected four stone and concrete picnic units at Roach's camp. Only the two units near the flag pole remain today. These 80 year old Great Depression era structures are part of American history and are to be cherished, respected and maintained.

A Hub of Activity

During the mid to late 1930s, Roach's camp and the entire

Lake Worth area was bustling with activity. The original Meandering Road (dirt of course), built in 1916-1917 to encircle the lake, provided easy access to the camps and the sailing club as well as Civilian Conservation Corp (CCC) Camp 1816. The CCC camp adjoined the west side of the two commercial camp properties at Roach's Camp and Sunset Park.

The lake and surrounding land was referred to as Lake Worth Metropolitan Park by the National Parks Commission and the CCC was building great stone shelters, trails and picnic areas all around the lake, including notable structures at Mosque Point and Casino Beach. The Fort Worth Nature Center & Refuge became the home of the majority of CCC roads, trails and structures including shelters at Broadview, Lone Point and Rest-a-While.

Family automobiles were common and outdoor activities had become a favorite national pastime. Concessions were available at both Roach's Camp and Sunset Park including general stores provisions, cabins, boat rentals and minnow sales. Sunset Park sold gasoline as well.



History of the Lake Worth Sailing Club: Timeline

Fall 1935

LWSC was founded by Hampton Cottar and fifteen other sailing enthusiasts owning homemade wooden Snipes. Club members initially sailed out of Marion Herring Boat Works (adjoining the current day Marina Park). The Great Depression was in full force and sailing offered a welcomed respite from the difficult economic times. CCC Camp 1816 was operating out of Peninsula Club Circle, building masterful stone structures all around the lake. Both Roach's Camp and Sunset Park rented out cabins and boats and sold minnows and groceries.

June 1936

The club fleet was chartered by the Snipe Class International Racing Association (SCIRA). Mr. O. L. Pitts joined as the first voted-in club member. Both he and Hamp Cottar were initial members of both the Lake Worth Sailing Club and the Fort Worth Boat Club on Eagle Mountain Lake. Both became accomplished sailors and served as Commodore and Board members at each of the clubs.

Spring 1937

The first club house was a "run down ramshackle cabin" rented for \$30 a month from John Roach. Use of Roach's dock was included in the rent. Membership dues were \$2.00 a month for each of the 17 members.

January 1938

Members leased a Lot from Fort Worth on the point south of the Peninsula Club, just to the west of Roach's Camp. They built a pier and a "main Club room". Members bought the lumber and built their own boat slips there.

Spring 1938

Strong south winds damaged the entire Snipe fleet. Several boats were torn loose from their slips. In response, members negotiated with John Roach to relocate back to the sheltered cove on the north side of his camp, tear down his failing dock and rebuild their docks in today's current location. They also brought their one room club house with them, setting it up on the current club house site.

1939/early 40s

Locker rooms, plumbing, a bar (currently the kitchen area) and storeroom were added to the club house. Other improvements during the late 30s and early 40s included: adding the knotty pine walls; wiring the building, grounds and docks; building a pile driver for dock work; installing the flag pole in front of the club house; adding the nautical chandelier; building the trophy case and nautical signs for the SCIRA charter and men and women's locker rooms.

1945

Club docks were replaced. Lease owner Jessie Roach paid for 50% of the materials and retained the ability to rent out slips not used by club members.

Late 1940s

Club dues were \$2.00 a month and the membership application fee was \$25. Membership was limited to 40 members. The club had a Snipe Fleet as well as a Seagull Fleet and a profitable slot machine known as "Herman".

*Written by Bob Crow, Historian, Lake Worth Sailing Club.
Sources/photos; LWSC historical records.*



For Sale: 1985 Catalina 22.

Susie Harrison has lowered the price of her Catalina 22 again. Has been listed at \$5200, will sell today for \$2500.

Exterior / deck power-washed in July but still needs clean up and bottom job. Got to move this.

The boat is moored in the second slip past the committee barge on the west dock, TX 1075DX.

Swing keel, fixed rudder, pop-up top (with canvas snap on cover), original main and regular jib. Propane pull-out stove, mainsheet and hardware stored in cabin.

Motor is brand new Tohatsu 3.5 HP (never broken in) and was mounted on plastic motor mount board in 2016. The boat was pulled out and bottom power washed in 2016.

Sail, motor and tiller covers. Life lines and pulpits, swim ladder. No trailer.

Continous maintenance on boat until late 2016-17: washed, cleaned and oiled teak etc. She's sound and never been in any collisions or wrecks.

Contact Susie K. Harrison (sailartist@aol.com).

LWSC Clubhouse Cleaning Schedule

<i>Week of</i>	<i>Member</i>	<i>Member</i>
20-Oct-2019	Tillman, Gary	Holcomb, Linda
27-Oct-2019	Twilley, Carl	Hollabaugh, Pat
3-Nov-2019	Tyler, David	Holley, Chris
10-Nov-2019	Walker, James	Hubble, Ted
17-Nov-2019	Webb, Howard	Hudspeth, Kim
24-Nov-2019	White, Craig	Hyde, Robbie
1-Dec-2019	Williams, Kevin	Kaczmarek, Tom
8-Dec-2019	Wright, Lee	Noyes, Gary
15-Dec-2019	Wunderlich, Lynn	Katz, Andy
22-Dec-2019	Shelton, Mike	Kayser, Gordon
29-Dec-2019	Adkisson, Jack	Keathley, Bryan

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