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Big Lake, Alaska

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The Sheet

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This Month

By Matt Flickinger - Sheet Managing Editor

Due to the excessive time it takes for me to put together the sheet, this month's edition is just a notice of things that are happening this month. If you know someone who might be interested in the classes or joining the club please point them to our web site or print the information and give it to them.

May 10th, Saturday 12:00 noon to 2:00 pm -Scouting Party at Club Site

Only club officers need to come for estimating cost and needs of repairs for the club. Members will be contacted by phone for information on the work party.

May 15th, Thursday 7:00pm to 9:00pm - First day of class

at Campbell School, 7206 Rovena

The class is free to members for refreshing your memory before summer begins.

May 17th, Saturday 11:00am to 4:00pm - WORK PARTY at Club Site

Prepping the club, getting boats launched, cleaning and repairs. Potluck at the end, please bring a dish.

May 19th, Monday 7:00pm to 10:00pm - Class safety swim

at Bartlett High School pool

May 24th, Saturday 10:00am to 5:00pm - Class at Big Lake Club Site

May 25th, Sunday 10:00am to 5:00pm - Forth Day of Class at Big Lake

May 26th, Monday, Memorial Day - Open sailing for the class

Commodore's Corner

By Paul Willing - Commodore and Web guy

The scouting party noted some needed dock, hoist, and club house chimney repairs as the most urgent items in addition to the normal boat launching, cleaning and dock positioning. Bring carpentry tools, any spare 2x4s, plywood, painting supplies, etc. to work party if you can. Other projects that need doing as time, money and supplies permit include: waterfront clean up of drill pipes and damaged shoring lumber, and deck construction.

Our web site is evolving slowly, but surely. Alaskan summer time constraints, as we all well know, mean major enhancements will come over the fall and winter. Jot down any ideas of what you'd like to see in the site and let me know. E-Mail link at bottom of this page. I'll continue to archive previous editions of The Sheet, by adding the most current at the top of this page, until web site storage constraints force me to delete the oldest edition when a new edition is posted.

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Let's get ready to sail

Club affairs in order, now if it was only summer

By Matt Flickinger - Sheet Managing Editor

Well, the sleds are in Nome and the snow is just a little less deep. Spring is here and the club has prepared itself for another year of sailing.

At the last meeting the club elected officers and decided what to do about promotion and the class.

Elected officers are Paul Willing, Commodore, Steve Anastos, First Vice-Commodore, Joe Offner, Second Vice-Commodore, Janet Flickenger, Secretary, Birgitt Robar, Treasurer, Bob Boyer, Harbor Master, Dave Johnson is Past Commodore.

As for the classes; Roger Buenzow volunteered to take over the class this year and teach it. He would like some boat owners to come forth and help with the on the water portion of the class.

We also decided to not participate in the boat show this year. Volunteers were limited and it was deemed non-essential this year. Instead we are advertising the classes in a community school paper that is sent out to all of Anchorage.

Work Party is a MUST

Dates are set, plan ahead mark May 17 on the calendar

by Sheet Staff

If you are a paying member of this club you are obligated to participate in one of the work parties each year.

To not be too assertive, I'll restate that. All members except for associates and juniors need to be at one of the work parties this year, either the one in the spring or the one in the fall.

To remind people, we do not have any paid employees. So to make the club ready we need the mandatory rule in place. It makes it a whole lot easier, on the members who do show up, to have a large work force.

The first work party is the week before the class, the 17th of May, so it would help to get a large group then, to clean and set up the boats.

Some things to look for this time around are the usual dock maintenance and launching of the boats, cleaning up the club site, and repairing the winter damage. Other things that would be nice to think of doing, and if the budget allowed for it, are things like finishing up the repairs on the shore line or even replacing the boardwalk that once stood by the shore.

A search party usually goes up and assesses the damage the week before. They tally up the supplies we need and send it out on a bulletin to members so they know what tools to bring and

things they can donate. The only standard is plywood, hammers, and nails due to the ice fishermen who forget about our docks.

So please come. As our beloved Harbor Master said to me, "We need to make this a community effort, if you want to get anything out of this, it can't be the same twenty people as an organization, organizing to get something organized, so they can organize a work party, by the time they're done organizing they're exhausted from work, they lose their appreciation of the club and they don't get to have any fun... that's what they joined for, right?"

1997 Race Schedule

From the Race Committee

This year is hoped to be a highly active sailing season. With an emphasis on racing. The following is a chart of planned races, we hope people will like to participate.

June 14 First race of the year, 12:00 Noon, three races, plus potluck.

June 28 Race #2, 11:30 AM, three races, plus potluck.

July 12 Race #3, this race is not planned at the moment. We may join it with Big Lake affairs. There will be a later notice.

Aug. 2 Race #4, 11:30 AM, three races, plus potluck.

Aug. 16 Race #5, 11:00 AM, three races, plus potluck. NOTE: Big Lake winds are prime this time of year.

Aug. 30 thru Sept. 1 - GOVERNOR'S CUP: 11:00 AM, three races each day, nine races total. Usually a potluck and bonfire. OPEN TO ALL, EVEN NON-RACERS.

If there are any questions, replies, or comments about any story in the sheet, or if you believe there is something missing, or if you have questions about Alaska Sailing Club, Inc., please write the club at address on The Sheet mast head, Attn: Matt Flickinger.

Farewell to Gary Claiborn

By Rae De lay

The Alaska Sailing Club is saddened by the loss of long time club member, past board member, Gary Claiborn. Gary Claiborn was killed in a plane crash on Sat, July 20, 1996 near Russian Mission, Alaska. The Northern Air Cargo DC-6 crash landed on an island in the Yukon River, there were no survivors.

Gary was a good sailor, an exceptional father, and very good friend of the Alaska Sailing Club. He was one to be counted on when there was work to be done, to show up, tools in hand, and pitch in at the work parties.

Memorial services were held. His ashes were spread from a helicopter by his surviving family, his wife Cathy, and his children of 9 and 12, Roseanne and Travis.

A memorial site had been erected in the place where his trailer was but was taken down and placed on his old mooring line. It will remain open for the rest of the season. Gary will be sorely missed.

This article was submitted for publication in August of 1996. It was felt that it was needed to be published.

It's time to send in the dues

By Matt Flickinger - Sheet Managing Editor

Bills must be paid, taxes are coming up and so is the insurance. It's time to renew your membership.

In the mailed version of The Sheet you should have received a rates page with all the correct prices, a rules page, and a release of liability page. Please fill them all out completely and send them in to the club PO Box with the amount due. Follow the Membership info link on the ASC Home Page and print a copy if you still need the forms.

Editor's Notes:

Due to poor management of time and some other distractions, I have not been able to produce the Sheet to my own expectations. But the stories still happen even without a newsletter. So whenever I find space, I will be publishing the stories that would've appeared in the "Lost Additions!"

Club boats are without engines

Club engines are not currently running and in need of maintenance. If you can loan one for the work party or if you know of one for sale please contact the ASC via E-Mail link.

Commodore's Corner

By Paul Willing - Commodore and Web guy

I hope members and non-members alike enjoy my first web page efforts. This site was thrown together rather hastily using limited resources and tools. Future web authoring software upgrades will greatly enhance this basic layout. New pages in the planning stages include: Club History, Photo Album, Governor's Cup List and Club Officer's List. Member phone numbers will not be

published on the web, but could be given, with member approval, to prospective members who E-Mail us requesting more information.

The photos included in this edition are from my own JPG files. If any members have photos they would like to see in future issues, please scan them in JPEG format (at Kinko's, etc.) and attach to an E-Mail or snail mail 3.5 IBM formatted diskettes to the club PO box.

E-Mail any links to other sailing web sites you'd like to see posted on the Other Favorite Sailing Links page.

Kudos to Matt for his continuing efforts in publishing the paper version of The Sheet. We'll continue to publish both Web and paper versions. Members who have Internet access can contact us and be deleted from the paper version mailing list to reduce club mailing expenses. As one of my contributions to the club I will post and provide the web site.

See you at the class and Big Lake. Let the summer begin!

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