COMMODORE’S LETTER

Red Dog Jones

CSC AWARDS BANQUET: Please plan on attending the awards banquet on Friday, November 9, 2012. This event will be held at the Park Cities Club, 5956 Sherry Lane, Suite 1700 (top floor), Dallas, Texas 75225. Their phone number is 214-373-0756. Parking is free and can be entered through the adjacent parking garage. The view is spectacular and the food and beverage are superlative. Come honor those sailors who have contributed to sailing, racing, race management and your club. Dress up a bit. Come and enjoy fellowship of Corinthian Sailors. It will prove to be an entertaining evening in many respects, so please be there. Music will be provided by Jim McAdams and his group, who have entertained us on the docks. After dinner and awards there will be dancing. There will be a cash bar. Look for announcements coming in the very near future about this event. Any questions, please contact Ralph C. “Red Dog” Jones or Sally Jones at 214-526-4377 or SLJWC@aol.com or lawdog@ralphcreddogjones.com.

CLUB VOLUNTEERING: From my observation of club volunteers and activities, it seems that the same folks have done the same thing for a number of years. Although we have a board that is elected by the membership, we seldom have people volunteering for those positions. Instead, we have to go and ask, and frankly, sometimes beg, our club members to participate on the board. Generally speaking, a board member must be a regular member of the club. Monthly meetings are held, generally on the 1st Tuesday of each month. The Board positions are:

- Commodore
- Vice-Commodore (Race)
- Rear-Commodore (Equipment)
- Rear-Commodore (Entertainment & Publicity)
- Rear-Commodore (Pier)
- Rear-Commodore (Sailing Education)
- Davit Registrar
- Treasurer
- Secretary

Further, we have volunteer positions for publication of the Main Sheet, Liaison between SMU’s Sailing Team and Corinthian Sailing Club, Liaison with the rowing clubs, Liaison with the City of Dallas and Park’s Department, Liaison with US Sailing and Texas Yachting Association and several other appointed positions. These positions might be: Chair of the Leukemia Cup Regatta, traditionally held in April, Chair of other special regatta’s such as Bob Gough for the Championship of Champions, the State Fair Regatta, Special Olympics, equipment education and race management education. As you can see, there are numerous job requirements that we have. I am sure that there are others that do not come
to mind now, but will. If you are interested in volunteering for these positions, please let your Commodore know. Obviously, we would like representatives of all fleets to have input into our activities.

These volunteers make your club run. They keep the trash picked up, they pay the electrical bill, sanitation bill and water bill. They keep the docks in good repair. They provide you with the best race management that you will find anywhere. Your help is requested!

**MEMBERSHIP:** While our membership is strong, we need to plan on new members joining our club and getting active in our sailing and racing programs. In recent years we have added a Vanguard 15 fleet, and while our Laser fleet has expanded rapidly, we have failed to find 20 and 30-year old persons who would have an interest in sailing and racing at Corinthian Sailing Club. Any thoughts on developing this age group would be appreciated by members of your board. As your Commodore, it is my opinion that we need to expand our outreach to those who might want to learn about sailing and racing and participate. We need to encourage people to show up on Sunday and get a ride and participate in our adult sailing and other related programs.

**YOUR BOAT AND YOUR DAVIT:** With winter approaching and weather conditions changing often, please check your boats and davits to make sure they are safe and secure. Make sure drain holes are cleared in your boat so that they may drain and that your davit and walkways are safe and secure.

**RECENT EVENTS:** We have just completed the State Fair Regatta which I’m sure you will hear more about later in this issue. We had many boats registered and a full day of activity and food. Following that, we had the past Commodore’s dinner. These activities provide an outlook for social gathering and active racing.

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**All Members are invited to a Halloween Party**

6:30-11pm
October 31, 2012
Pot Luck, at the CSC Clubhouse
B.Y.O.B. with Fun, Dancing and Games
And costumes are required!
Three Kids & A Boat

Friends and occasional crew at CSC, Craig & Wendy Boyer, and their daughters who are all sailors in their own right: Maggie, Kate, & Olivia set sail for a year of travel in June 2012. Wendy is the family blogger, and sent a fun update of their trip:

Boyer Adventure Update

We have been cruising for almost 4 months now and have sailed approximately 1700 nautical miles, from Florida to Maine and then some. We are working our way south toward the Caribbean now. We have spent 24/7 with each other. Learned to sail offshore at night, navigated around a sea of lobster pot buoys, met some incredible people and visited some fantastic cities. Traveling by boat, our floating home is an unbelievable experience. There is nothing better than sailing into a new harbor on your own vessel.

While the majority of our trip has been extraordinary, we have also dealt with the realization of owning, caring for and living on a boat. It’s not easy and it’s no vacation, not yet anyway. Not to mention homeschool, cleaning, finding a laundromat and grocery store within walking distance. We are all being enriched by these challenges. Even though the learning curve has been steep, we wouldn’t trade it for the world!

I would be lying if I said the transition from landlubber to cruiser was easy. However, we have settled into a routine and life seems as normal or dysfunctional as it was in Dallas. Some things like sleeping on a boat and sailing a catamaran were easy to adapt to, while having parts or supplies shipped to us in random ports has been more trouble than we expected.

We have met some amazing people along the way. Some are solo, some are traveling in pairs and then there are the kid boats. The girls love the kid boats! It is a true joy to watch them spread their wings of independence and make new friends everywhere we go. From the very beginning in the boat yard in St. Augustine to this very day in Annapolis, there has been a sailor to wave to or someone to consult with. We have come to learn that the interactions and friendships we have made are what the cruising life is all about!

Come November first, we will be anxiously awaiting our perfect weather window so we can sail to clear blue water and white sandy beaches. We are looking forward to a slower pace and a warm tropical breeze as we sip a fruity drink adorned with a cute little umbrella! We love hearing from you, so please follow our adventure and drop us a line once in a while.

http://www.threekidsandaboat.blogspot.com/
CSC April Race Report
Norm Grail, Vice Commodore, Race

ERC and Race Duty Assignments

Thanks to Bowman O’Connor, Alanna Strong, Ken Brown, Mike Krasner, Tom Miller, and Forest Atkins for serving as ERC so far this year.

Burton Shepherd is ERC for October, Mark Babb is ERC for November, Red Dog Jones is ERC for December, Kelly Gough is ERC for January, Greta Mittman is ERC for February, and Alvin Skelton is ERC for March.

If you are an ERC for any month and would like to refresh yourself with the responsibilities, please review the checklist at http://www.cscsailing.org/race_erc.html

If you are assigned as the PRO or Crew for race duty on any given Sunday, please take a moment at review the Race Committee checklist at http://www.cscsailing.org/race_checklist.html

Upcoming Regattas

By the time you read this, CSC will have hosted a really fun and well-attended annual State Fair Regatta on Saturday October 6th and the results will be posted on the CSC website under Race Results. As of this writing temperatures are supposed to start out in the low 60’s and drop throughout the day to the low 50’s by mid-afternoon with winds out the northeast at 15 to 25 mph. A special thanks to all those who volunteered for race duty (before the forecast was known)!

Also on October 6, Arlington Yacht Club will have hosted the Laserpalooza Regatta. Many CSC Laser Fleet sailors will make the trip to Arlington to compete in what was a fantastic event last year organized by AYC and Jack Hattendorf. Results will be posted on the CSC website under Race Results.

On Sunday October 14 CSC will host the annual White Rock Lake and CSC Club Championships. All sailors who are members of either CSC or WRBC and who participate in one or more the regularly held fleet racing throughout the year are eligible. Results will be posted on the CSC website under Race Results. Who will be this year’s lake and club champion?

On Friday October 19 the Flying Scot Fleet 23 will host at CSC the Flying Scot Open House Shrimp Boil, Cocktails, and Chalk Talk followed on Saturday and Sunday October 20-21 the Flying Scot Fleet hosts the annual Flying Scot Open House Regatta comprised of a Challenger Fleet and Championship Fleet. Whether you are a serious or casual Flying Scot sailor, you should compete in this event. This is a fun event that you should plan on attending!

Rounding out the sailing season on November 2-4 is the Lake Canyon Yacht Club Wurstfest Regatta. Besides the many Flying Scot Fleet sailors and crew who attend annually, numerous Laser Fleet sailors will travel to Lake Canyon as this is the final District 15 event of the year.

Finally, the CSC Annual Banquet will be held on November 9 at the Park Cities Club. Cocktails and dinner will be followed by Fleet awards and dancing. The Park Cities Club is a very
nice venue with great views of North Dallas. All CSC members are encouraged to attend a fun evening laughing and dancing with your CSC friends. Reservations are required.

**Regatta Results**

**Butterfly Fleet**

The **Saturday Summer Series** final results are **Bruce Faust** 1st place, **Burton Shepherd** 2nd place, and **Frank Richards** 3rd place. The fall series continues and the results are currently posted and final results will be posted on the CSC website under Race Results upon completion.

**Corinthian Fleet**

Congratulations to **Alvin Skelton** who won the **Single-Handed Regatta** on September 8 and to **Bill Wilson** who won the **Harvester Cup Regatta** held on September 29th. Additional race results may be found on the CSC website under Race Results and further selecting the appropriate fleet.

**Flying Scot Fleet**

The **2012 Flying Scot North American Championships** were held on Lake Carlyle, Illinois on June 24-28. **Kelly and Heidi Gough** placed 3rd, **Jeff Perna and Bill Draheim** placed 7th, **Forest and Sam Atkins** placed 24th, **Dari Esfahani and John Skiles** placed 29th, and **Eddie Lockey and Michael Wilson** placed 34th in the Championship Fleet. In the Challenger Fleet **Frank Richards** and **Bruce Faust** placed 4th, **Steve and Renee Comen** placed 7th, and **Red Dog Jones and Ken Brown** placed 15th. Congratulations to all!

The **Summer Series** final results are **Mike Rist** 1st place, **Jeff Perna** 2nd place, **Burton Shepherd** 3rd place. The fall series continues and the results are currently posted and final results will be posted on the CSC website under Race Results upon completion.

**Laser Fleet**

The Laser Fleet continues to grow and prosper under the care and tutelage of **Mike Hansen**’s and **Alanna Strong**’s off-the-water efforts and **Mark Babb**’s on-the-water tutoring. The Fleet has three Laser “loaner boats” affectionately referred to as “beater boats” that are loaned on a reservation basis to club and non-club members for the Wednesday evening race series and for the Saturday morning practice sessions. The Wednesday evening races have become very popular with anywhere from 10 to 18 Lasers on the water racing each week. Through the efforts of the Fleet, the club has approximately 16 new members as a result of this loaner boat program over the previous two sailing seasons. Good job!

**Final Thoughts**

After the flurry of fall regattas, this year’s sailing season will wind down and soon the holidays will be upon us. Time does fly! Throughout the late fall and winter the Lasers and Butterflies continue to sail on Saturdays and the Flying Scots continue to sail on Sundays and all other Fleets are welcome to sail in the Sunday club races. While the Flying Scots have become the predominant fleet racing on Sunday, all other Fleets are encouraged to join in the fun. Three boats of any Fleet will get a separate start. Stories are told by the Bob Goughs, John Diggins, and Bob Harringtons of this world that in days past on any given Sunday you could expect 5 more fleets with 5 or more starts with sometimes 50 to 70 boats on water each and every Sunday. Again, all fleets at CSC and WRBC—Butterflies, Corinthians, Lasers, Lightnings, Snipes, Sunfish, AC 45s—are encouraged to come out and race on Sunday. I not sure we have enough water surface for the ACs, but if they come we will give them a start!

There are plenty of opportunities to volunteer for race related activities or upcoming regattas at CSC. There In addition, any time you feel the urge to join a race committee on any Sunday, please just show up at the Club by the Committee boat between 12:30-1 pm and we will get you on a boat to contribute to the day’s races. You do not have to have any special knowledge; we only ask for desire. Serving on race committee is fun and you will learn a lot about racing sailboats and meet some nice club members. I hope to see you at the club. If I can assist anyone regarding any aspect of the club or the race program or volunteer opportunities, please email me at race@cscsailing.org.

**CSC DAVITS & PADS**

**Forest Atkins, CSC Davit Registrar**

Despite the suddenly cooler weather in recent days sailing activity continues and will throughout the so-called "winters" here in Dallas. Along with it comes the opportunity for davit and boat maintenance. Many members have done just that as a number of davits and boats are receiving overhauls and upgrades. If your davit or boat needs attention this is a good time to do so!

The same holds true for the board boats on the pads at the northern half of our CSC complex. The board boats have been something of a phenomena in the last couple years as the waiting list grown to be the longest it's been in some time. 12 folks are needing pads for either Lasers or Butterflies. Both types of boat will be active into and through the "winter". CSC by-laws regarding davits and pads are tailored to encourage active sailing-sailors, so if you anticipate not being able to make use of your boat please contact me to assist with arrangements. There are alternatives to the pads for keeping board boats at CSC.

Additionally, if you buy or sell a davit, please be sure to send me copy of the signed bill of sale so the official membership/davit/pad data base can be formally updated.

Look forward to seeing you at the docks and on the water!
The Main Sheet

Membership

Mike Hansen

As we ramp-up for fall sailing we have been blessed again to have a few great months in terms of new members. In the last couple of months the Board approved 8 new/renewing applications for membership. Please join all of the CSC family in welcoming/re-welcoming:

Stanislav Bilder and Olga Sytnianska- Join the CSC family to sail/race Lasers and become a part of the local sailing experience. Stas and Olga grew up in the Ukraine where Stas sailed since he was 10. Stas is already racing Lasers with the Dallas Laser Fleet.

Bianca Cowan- Joins the CSC family to improve her skills as a sailor and get involved in CSC community and racing. Bianca crewed 420’s in college and is already racing her Laser with the Dallas Laser Fleet.

Donald and Angela Kern and their son Andrew- Join the CSC family to race Lasers. Don has been racing seemingly every type of centerboard and keelboat for the last 35 years. He also races his Viper 830 with his brother Greg Newsome. Don and Greg have already been racing Lasers with the Dallas Laser Fleet.

Christopher and Holley Miller and their sons Spensley and Clay- Join the CSC family to give their boys the sailing experience Chris had with his dad when growing up in Massachusetts (Ipswich Bay Yacht Club) and to enjoy sailing on WRL. Holley has sailed in California and the boys have participated in sailing camps in Maine as well.

John and Lynda Oliver and their kids Marena and William- Join the CSC family to get back into sailing and to introduce their kids to sailing. John’s sail experience is mostly offshore in the English Channel and Southampton area. John has already started to race Lasers with the Dallas Laser Fleet.

Gavin Rudolph- Rejoins the CSC family to race Flying Scots, V15s and Lasers. Gavin was an outstanding junior sailor and worked as a coach for the CSC junior classes for several years. He graduated from Old Dominion where he was on their top-ranked sailing team and is currently the coach at Rush Creek Yacht Club.

Kyle Simon- Joins the CSC family to develop his sailing skills and be a part of the CSC community. Kyle has sailed Sunfish a decade ago, but has recently done a two-week sailing trip and has sailed Lasers and Flying Scots at CSC.

Anna Williams- Joins the CSC family to race Lasers and to be a part of the CSC community. She has sailed all of her life it seems on keelboats, catamarans and dinghies of all sizes. She has raced in dozens and dozens of regattas just in the last few years alone. She also currently races her Melges 24 at RCYC and has her Laser ready to go at CSC when time allows.

So far this year 52 new members have joined the CSC family. Our total/active membership levels are now slightly above last year.

Thank you again to all the members for their efforts to continue to create and maintain the environment and sailing experiences that make CSC the club/family it is.

As you know, we count on our members to help grow and enrich the club family. If you have family or friends interested in knowing more about CSC membership do not hesitate to reach-out via email to membership@cscsailing.org.
LASER FLEET NEWS (DISTRICT 15 - TEXAS)
Michael Hansen, Fleet Captain

Since our last Main sheet update in early September the Dallas Laser Fleet has had members participate in a couple of Texas/ILCA District regattas and continued the last of the three Wednesday Night Series for 2012.

In September members of the Dallas Laser Fleet supported a number of the area Laser regattas. Skippers travelled to the Austin Yacht Club and the Fort Worth Boat Club for District 15 Circuit Laser regattas. We also had a contingent participate in the annual Oktoberfish/Laserpalooza at Arlington Yacht Club. AYC is always a fantastic venue. Our own Norm Grail, Alanna Strong, Forest Atkins and Greg Wallace all made the trip/regatta and placing 5, 6, 9 and 13 respectively out of 17 boats. Norm Grail, Alanna Strong, Forest Atkins and Greg Wallace also made the trip to FWBC for their Fall Laser Regatta in late September. In a light air one-day event they all sailed great placing 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 7th respectively. Forest Atkins and Owen Bushaw also participated in the 2-day 8-boat regatta at the Arlington Yacht Club finishing 3rd and 4th.

Now on to our Wednesday night racing program. By the time you read this edition of the Main sheet, the Wednesday Night Series for this year will be complete. We will have culminated the series on October 10th with racing, an award ceremony, a season-ending meeting and Hawaiian luau BBQ. In the next Main sheet we will update you on the final series results and the fun. Right now Mark Babb leads the Series followed by Norm Grail, Owen Bushaw, Bruce Moore, Forest Atkins and Mike Lipari.

Participation on the race course has been fantastic during September with up to 17 Lasers on the line each Wednesday night. Again, this month we have been able to race EVERY Wednesday night without exception... exceptional.

Our loaner boats have been very busy too. Both have been reserved days in advance for every Wednesday night. Combined with the loaners, a number of fleet members have allowed experienced sailors without boats to use their Lasers when they can’t sail. As a result, we have had a wonderful group of sailors join in the racing/family for the first time this month. Bianca Cowan, Chris Forman, Don Kern, Greg Newsome and John Oliver all started racing with us. Bianca, Don and John have already become CSC members.

We have even been fortunate to have several of CSC’s members find the time recently to return to some Laser racing too... including Bowman O’Connor, Burton Shepard and Michael Teleha. Great to have them back racing with us.

Jim O’Connor has again been a fantastic friend of the fleet. He has provided PRO/RC support on many a night. Thank you Jim!!

After October 10th, our racing focus will shift more to Saturday mornings with the Butterflys and “flash racing” when weather allows... hopefully often. We will re-launch Wednesday Night racing next April.

We are also excited about the collaboration with CSC Education. We are collaborating over the winter months to repair and upgrade our club and fleet Lasers going into next year’s sailing. We sure appreciate Steve and Renee Comen’s efforts, skills, support and style on these projects.

If you want to get involved with or try Laser sailing/racing just let us know. We will do all we can to make it happen. Contact: whiterocklasers@gmail.com

CSC Adopt-a-Shoreline
When: Saturday, November 10, 2012
Where: North parking lot in front of CSC
When: 8:30am-10am

For more details, please email the CSC Group lead for this program, Shelley Roberts at sroberts2007@yahoo.com or call Alvin Skelton at 214-564-0104.

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FLYING SCOT FLEET NEWS (FLEET NO. 23)

Michael Mittman, Fleet Captain

The CSC Flying Scot fleet has been active this year with participation in CSC, regional, and national regatta's, and also fun social events. This year fleet members traveled to participate in the Flying Scot Mid-Winter Championship, North American Championship, and most recently Flying Scot Wife-Husband National Championship regatta. Coming next weekend (Oct 20-21) is the 35th Annual Flying Scot Open House Regatta right here at CSC on the azure waters of White Rock - can you help with Race Committee? Contact Michael Mittman mittmans@gmail.com or call 214.929.3511.

Most recently, Flying Scot sailors Steve & Renee Comen, going for the triple crown in regatta's this year (Mid-Winter, Nationals, Wife-Husband), just returned from a good time at the Flying Scot Wife-Husband National Championship Regatta. Steve Comen reports: The regatta was fun- the lodge was a great place to stay, and they did a great job hosting (the chocolate martinis on the dock Friday night were a hit. Wilson was trying to see how many people he could knock out of the regatta; I think he was only successful with one couple.) We got lots of questions about where the other Texas boats were.

The competition was very tough. Jeff and Amy Linton [National Champions] won fairly easily, but other than that it was wide open. It was a lot like sailing at Lake Canyon- gusts would come in from either side, and sometimes it seemed like there was no way to get to the windward mark. But overall the sailing was good and the regatta was lots of fun. Scot sailors gathered for some fun social events recently, the fleet meeting and pot luck dinner hosted by Phil & Teresa Morris was well attended. Also the Scot fleet social and cocktail hour last week after Sunday races was a lot of fun with a nice crowd that talked sailing, shmoozed, kibitzed, and enjoyed libations and appetizers.

Upcoming Regattas:
- Oct 20-21, 35th Annual Flying Scot Open House Regatta at CSC, Race Committee Volunteers Needed! Contact: mittmans@gmail.com NOR posted CSCsailing.org
- Nov 3-4, Wurstfest Regatta & Flying Scot Southwest District Championship, Lake Canyon Yacht Club Registration: http://www.wurstfestregatta.com/

Interested in day Sailing a Scot for fun? Want to try racing? Skipper or crew, join the Scot fleet!

flyingscotfleet@cscsailing.org
214.417.1667
CORINTHIAN FLEET NEWS
Mike Krasner, Fleet Captain

Four brave qualifiers raced in the rain for the 2012 Har- vestor Cup Regatta. Congrats to Bill Wilson who won the tie breaker. Special thanks to the brave race committee, Burt Gilson the PRO, and his great crew on rescue, Norm Grail and Alana Strong. Thanks to Shari Krasner who provided lunch. The results are as follows:

1. Bill Wilson  8 pts  (won on tie breaker)
2. Alvin Skelton  8 pts
3. Rob Drechsler 10 pts
4. Gibb Joseph  14 pts

SAILING FOR THE RHINOS 2012
(SWEATING FOR A GOOD CAUSE!)
Steve McCombs

The Dallas Zoo’s American Association of Zoo Keepers (AAZK) reported that our 10th Annual Sailing for Rhinos 2012 raised $6,900 and sold 275 tickets, exceeding last year by $1,500! Our efforts were combined with the Dallas AAZK’s Bowling for Rhinos and Run for Rhinos to raise a total of $16,417. This earned the Dallas Zoo 2nd Place nationally (1st Place: Los Angeles Zoo $35,500; 3rd Place: San Diego Zoo $16,109 – that’s pretty good company!)

Zoo Keepers from across the US raised a total of $241,972 in 2012. 100% of these funds go directly to conservation projects, to help preserve the Black and White Rhino in Africa, the Javan and Sumatran Rhino in Indonesia and the Indian Rhino in India. These animals are highly endangered; 15 years ago African Rhino populations were over 100,000 – the best current estimate today is 25,010; the Indonesian/India populations are estimated at 3,094.

In addition to raising money for conservation, Dallas AAZK’s 2nd place finish has won a trip to Lewa Wildlife Conservancy in Kenya for the highest individual fundraiser, Ashley Orr, Zoo Keeper. This is a great honor for Zoo Keepers who are high on passion and low on income. Please congratulate Ashley next time you see her!

A special thanks to the many Skippers and crew who took the time and effort to support this community event. As well as those who came out to eat, drink and be merry all in the name of Rhino Conservation. Your support is very much appreciated. Hope to see you next year!

IN MEMORIAM: SHAWN HOFFMAN
Mike Krasner

Shawn Hoffmann passed away due to complications from a motorcycle accident recently. I have known Shawn for over ten years and have seen him advance from his first sailboat, a Catalina 22, to a Sunfish, Butterfly, Flying Scott, and finally he bought a Corinthian last year. He was a good sailor and will be missed. He left a wife, Karen and a year old son, Jonah.
**Regatta Report**

9 youth from CSC participated in the Ol’ Man of the Sea Regatta at Ft. Worth Boat Club Sept 8-9th. For 5 out of the 9 this was either their first regatta or their first regatta in a new boat. It was really a learning experience for all. While the temperatures were great the winds on Saturday were high in the 18 to 20 mph range with gusts higher. Sunday saw the winds die down to 5 to 10. Very few boats went the weekend without capsizing. Skyler Bayman sailed a Laser 4.7 in his first regatta, he won a race and learned that if the sailing instructions say the start finish line is closed that he can’t sail through it during a race.

Christa Hvidsten also sailed in the Laser 4.7 (moving up from the Optis) and she learned that it’s really slow to sail without your plug in the boat; she must hold the record of most races without a plug (4). Ben Lapari is a veteran Laser 4.7 sailor and learned that consistency pays off taking 2nd place. Connor Basile sailing in his first Laser Radial regatta learned that not putting sunscreen on the back of your neck is a bad idea. Aaron Comen learned that sailing long days in high winds takes conditioning, he finished 4th in the Laser Radial Fleet. Tyler Killion learned that no spinnaker pole and upside down are slow in the 420.

In the Opti Blue fleet Rachel Mittman learned that whole groups of Optis can capsize at the start like dominoes. Our green fleeters William Courtney and Dominick Benedetto learned that sailing in regattas can be fun! William did an awesome job sailing every race on only flipping 3 times. Dominick did a great job on Sunday finishing mid-fleet.

**Upcoming Events**

CSC juniors will be headed to Rush Creek on Oct 13th for the TSA end of year regatta. We will also be having a series of guest coaches running junior practices every couple weeks. Contact Renee if you would like to participate.

**Special Olympics:**

The Special Olympics sailing program ran from Sep 5th to October 6th. After 4 weeks of practice, we had the Dallas area regatta Wednesday, 10/3. 5 boats and 11 athletes competed, with one boat sailing level 1 (Steve Comen as skipper with two athletes crewing) and four boats sailing level 2 where the athletes skipper with the unified partner and another athlete crewing. This was followed by having the Special Olympics State Regatta as part of State Fair, with 3 boats coming up from Houston to sail. A big thanks to Pat Manicchia, Roland Foerster, Red Dog Jones, Anderson Jones, Mike Rist, Sam Strong, and Mark Babb for sailing as unified partners; also thanks to Christa Hvidsten and Tyler Killion for helping us try to get a couple athletes sailing Lasers.

Regards,
Steve
SUMMER SPOTLIGHT: COLLIN WESTON

Our own Collin Westin, a junior at CSC and now a Senior at Texas A&M Galveston (Whoop!) and Captain of the sailing team. This summer he got a chance to sail as a sapling at Oakcliff Sailing in New York. The article below was reprinted from sailingworld.com, written by Amelia Quinn.

Collin Weston decided that he wanted to dedicate his life to boats—building and sailing them—before he even enrolled in high school. This summer, he has taken steps toward making this goal his reality by becoming a Sapling (one of 12 motivated sailors between the ages of 18 to 30) at the Oakcliff Sailing Center, a non-profit training center geared toward cultivating the next generation of professional sailors. Weston, a rising senior and captain of the sailing team at Texas A&M University at Galveston, has especially focused on honing his match racing skills this summer in preparation for the ICSA Match Race Championship.

To be one of the 12 Saplings at Oakcliff, you must be between the ages of 18-30 and aspire to be professional sailboat racer. How would you describe your peers?

It’s a very wide range of people, all with different backgrounds, from myself who grew up racing dinghies and doing college sailing, to people who got into sailing two or three years ago and have been training on 12 Meters. And then within this summer we’ve all gotten to experience lots of different sailing. All of us have done some offshore stuff. Personally, I’ve done a lot more match racing, trying to get ready for the college match racing nationals this fall; it just kind of depends on what you wanted your focus to be, what you are interested in, and what opportunities you took. Obviously we’re close to Newport, and we have so many boats at our disposal; pretty much whatever you want to sail you get to sail.

You’ve mentioned that you’ve been preparing for match racing. How have you specifically honed your skills this summer?

I’ve gotten a lot of experience skippering. I’ve also gotten amazing coaching this summer that I would not have gotten if I would have taken a job teaching summer camp. At least once every two weeks, we’ve had a clinic with someone like Dave Perry who comes in and teaches us for four days…I don’t know of any other program like that.

Guest instructors hold seminars on a weekly basis at Oakcliff. What has been the most instructive talk so far?

Dave Perry’s youth match racing clinic. Obviously Dave is a very good coach, and he works up from the ground level, assuming everyone in the room knows nothing so there’s nothing that falls between the cracks. He moves quickly, so if you’re engaged you’ll learn a lot in four days.

Dawn Riley, the executive director of the Oakcliff Sailing Center, has accomplished a huge amount in her lifetime, including being the first woman to manage an America’s Cup team and racing on four America’s Cup teams. What is it like to work under her?

It’s been great. She brings a lot to the table, not only as a sailing coach but also as a life coach. She knows a lot about the industry, and has been very helpful to all of us, giving us ideas about where we should go, and putting us in contact with the right people to move forward after Oakcliff.

The Sapling program is fairly new. What direction do you see it going in?

I think over the next two or three years, it will be a lot more public and more people will know about the program, so the selection process will get much more intense, just by how many people they can possibly can handle here, so it will produce even better Saplings. Where it is now is excellent as far as offering structured learning but also the freedom to learn what you want to learn. And every year is going to be different, as well. This year we had a charter—we chartered the Ker 50 for the summer—so that’s how we got to do all the different New York Yacht Club regattas, Newport Bermuda, and things like that. Next summer it might be different charters for different events; it just depends on what’s going on at Oakcliff at the time.
THE MAIN SHEET - YOUR NEWSLETTER

The Main Sheet belongs to each member of the club. This is an invitation to all members to submit articles about the club, regattas, meetings, fleets, awards, members, family and community. The deadline for submission is three days before the last day of the month.

Please submit articles or article suggestions to Ann Ramsey at ann.m.ramsey@gmail.com. An article draft will shortly waft its way to you for proof-reading. Any suggestions concerning improvements to the newsletter are welcome.

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