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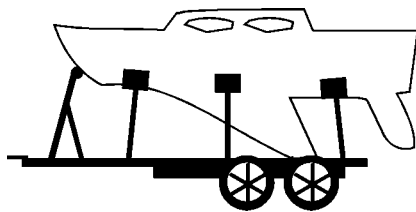
January, 2005

Cheney Lake, Kansas

## From The ~~Commodore~~

Nature is a savage beast, but she can be so beautiful. The lake this week has been like a crystal menagerie; for a few moments the clouds broke apart and the sunlight refracted through the icicles like little prisms into rainbows. The quietness of the frozen air can be deafening. But as with all extremes, disaster can quickly form. The ice brought power outages to the lake. City folks may not be sensitive to the self reliance that living in the country requires but power outage means no light, no heat, no water, etc. Nearly all of the minimum requirements for a comfortable existence are gone! Those of you with boats in the water, with no power the bubblers are not bubbling, with lake frozen, the locked gates are useless, there are no flood lights illuminating the yards. Please check your boats, remove any valuables you might still have on board. Be on the lookout when you are there, look out for one another. Members of this Club are the most generous people in the world; don't hesitate to ask for help during these times of extreme conditions.

Back at the BOG business is still as usual, membership renewals are coming in daily, budgets are being massaged and planning for the coming season is well under way. Be mindful of things you can do to make the coming season as joyful as ever. There are National regattas planed, NSA 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary this summer, all sort of activities; please volunteer to serve on some of the many committees that are forming. Isn't the anticipation exiting?



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### From the Editors:

Please note the deadline schedule:

- Announcements of scheduled events (such as dinners and races), ads, and any items that need to be typed must be received by Thursday, February 3rd.
- Only items on IBM formatted discs or e-mail will be accepted until 6:00 p.m Monday, February 7th.
- Any late material will be published the next month.**

Bring or mail your material to the Editors, Mark Reeves and Mike Kilmer at 3240 Country Club, Wichita, KS 67208, (316-685-7425), fax it to Nancy at (316)265-8708, **or E-mail it to: nreeves@cox.net**  
 (E-mail is actually the favored choice, since the material does not have to be scanned into the computer.)

## Board of Governors Meeting

Ninnescah Sailing Association  
Minutes of Board of Governors Meeting  
Thursday, January 6, 2005

Present: Jim Carlisle, Mary Kearby, Allen Johnson, Kevin Findley, Rich Shull, Mike Mason, Pat Adams, Terri Cramer, Jim Honeyman and Alan Huffman.

Meeting was convened at 7:00 p.m. at the Law Company Building, 345 Riverview, instead of the Afterdack due to the ice storm.

### Secretary (Shull):

- Minutes of 12-2-04 meeting approved as published. Simpler process for handling mail, invoices and checks in place. All items should be sent to the post office box for proper tracking unless directed otherwise by Curfman or Shull.

### Administrative Secretary (Johnson):

- Slip exchange meeting scheduled for March 6, 2005, 2:00 p.m. at the Afterdeck. All interested persons should plan on being present.

- Some bubblers appear to be running all the time and their thermostats need to be checked and adjusted.

- Dues are coming in at a regular pace.

### Treasurer (Curfman)(Not present, report delivered by Kearby):

- Monthly financial report from accountants distributed and approved.

- Proposed contract with accountant distributed and will be reviewed and acted upon at February meeting.

- Board authorized Kearby to arrange a different phone contract with SBC giving a 10% discount to club on phones and to restructure afterdeck phone agreement allowing outgoing calls to be local and incoming calls to be billed to the caller, further saving on phone expense.

### Property Manager (Adams):

- Club boats back from servicing thanks to Jim Ducey. Lund is stored inside at a local barn and the committee boat is in the yard.

- Ice storm cut power, phones and water Monday night. Power and phones back on Thursday, but water not available yet because power still out in park at the pumping station. Generator used to supply some power to residence. Water o.k. in Afterdeck, but longer cold snap would possibly cause problems.

- Board will discuss acquisition of a small generator to keep furnace operating in future power outages.

- Damage to trees is not severe, but lots of limbs to be picked up and one sick tree is down, but was scheduled for removal anyway.

- One cabana roof is gone.

- Please check boats for clogged or frozen cockpit drains and remove personal property from boats in the water since a frozen lake provides no security from strolling vandals.

- Check docklines and bubblers and cockpit drains on boats in the water.



### Commodore Elect (Huffman):

- Arrangements have been made for a Coastal Navigation Certification class for February 19 and 20 at a cost of \$250.00 per person. Such classes at major boat shows cost around \$600.00. Contact Alan Huffman for details.

- Potential internet access at club discussed and will be further researched.

### Vice Commodore (Findley):

- Working on committee chairpersons and financial details for the eight regattas planned for the season. Most matters discussed during budget discussions. Special regatta organizers will be responsible for arranging judges, race committee and shoreside staff.

### Operations (Mason):

- Social schedule discussed and finalized for publication in Mainsheet and Yearbook.

- Several Parties and a wedding were held in the Afterdeck during December with great success.

- Several decorated Christmas trees and other decorations were donated to the club by the Freshes.

### Yardmaster (Carlsen):

- Not present, report contained in Adams report.

### Harbormaster (Honeyman):

- A couple of boats still need to be pulled for the winter, contacting owners.

- Please check boats in the water. Make sure bubblers are working properly and dock lines are secure and in good shape.

### Past Commodore (Kearby):

- Afterdeck has been reserved and rented for functions on April 23 and April 30 and additional inquiries have been made concerning other future rentals.

- Long Range Planning Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday 1-10-05.

### Commodore (Carlisle):

- Opti regatta agreement signed and returned to class association. Regatta liability insurance form completed and signed and forwarded to Curfman for processing payment of premium.

- New board members reminded that Mark Reeves needs a bio to publish in the Mainsheet by the February 3 meeting.

- Accounting contract mentioned above will be further discussed at February meeting.

- Location of meetings discussed. Board determined that the meetings would be held in Wichita for February and possibly March and then moved back to the Afterdeck. Location of the February 3 meeting will be at Quincy's Bar and Grill, 2047 N. West St. (21<sup>st</sup> and West).

- The monthly board breakfast at the Beacon Restaurant, 909 E. Douglas will be Tuesday January 18 at 6:15 a.m.

The board then commenced a long discussion on the 2005 budget, which will be finalized at the February meeting. Meeting was adjourned at 10:15.

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# **notices:**

\* **Afterdeck Reservations**

If you are interested in reserving the Afterdeck for NSA activities or renting the facility for a private function, please contact Past Commodore Mary Kearby via e-mail ([marykearbey@swbell.net](mailto:marykearbey@swbell.net)), or phone (316-677-4559).

\* **E-mail MAINSHEET**

Remember, the E-mail issue of the *MAINSHEET* usually arrives at your computer on the Tuesday following the Thursday BOG meeting. It is in color, and you can still print out your own copy if you wish. Every e-mail subscription we enlist will save the NSA time and money that we can use for other projects, and it will help keep your dues from increasing more.

\* **Yard Spaces**

Yard spaces are for boats and trailers only! Lock the gates when you are the last to leave, and put your name on your boat trailer.

\* **NSA Annual Dues**

Your first half dues will be delinquent if not received by February 1, 2005.

\* **Tom Thorpe Memorial**

Tom Thorpe Memorial Deck organizational meeting will be in the Afterdeck Sunday, January 16, 1:00 P.M. All persons who were asked to be involved should be there. Anyone else interested in this project is invited to attend and get involved also.

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## **And from Operations - Mike Mason**

Over twenty N.S.A. members gathered in the holiday decorated Afterdeck to usher in the New Year. Two tables were required to hold all the tasty treats. The evening was just under way when Steve and Paula Weatherford made a surprise entrance, much to everyone's delight. Some party participants visited, some danced, some played board games, and some did all those things. At midnight, we all went out on the deck and watched the firing of some rockets and the sounding of the start gun. It was a very lovely, mild, windless evening. Steve and Paula, you made it extra special.





# JUNIOR SAILING



## GREAT PLAINS CHAMPIONSHIP REGATTA

THE JR. SAILING COMMITTEE OF THE NSA WILL BE HOSTING THIS EVENT  
FOR THE U.S. OPTIMIST DINGHY ASSOCIATION [USODA].

This Junior Sailing event will include two-day clinics for newcomers and for experienced sailors 14 years and younger, followed by a two-day regatta. The clinics are scheduled for [June 9 & 10](#) and the regattas for [June 11 & 12](#). McLaughlin (manufacturer of Optimist Dinghies) will be in attendance with charter boats for participants, and KO Sailing is providing equipment. The top 25% of participants will earn an invitation to compete at Team Trials. This regatta is expected to draw at least 50 sailors from the around the USA and has been created especially for the NSA by the USODA. NSA has been provided with a complete detailed description and timeline of tasks to be accomplished for this regatta, so participation as a Committee Chairperson is a no-brainer! The NSA Junior Sailing Committee already has identified 10 people who will serve as Committee Chairpersons for this event, and we need you! **The following nine positions are still in search of a volunteer:**

**FINANCE/FUND RAISING** – Manage all aspects of the event finances, budgets and fundraising. Assign a fund raising assistant. Coordinate with all chairpersons with budgets.

**ADVERTISING/PROGRAM/PR** – Manage all aspects of the event advertising, printing of the “Official Regatta Program” and sale of advertising in program. Coordinate with Finance, Event Chair and USODA.

**FOOD** – Manage all aspects of the event’s meals, drinks and snacks. Coordinate with Finance, Event Chair and PRO.

**SOCIAL/CEREMONIES** – Manage all aspects of the event social activities, including awards closing ceremony. Assign a Ceremonies Committee Chairperson to provide assistance with closing ceremony. Coordinate with Food Chair.

**CLINICS** – Manage all aspects of the USNT clinic, using the USODA clinic guidelines. Coordinate with Food Chair.

**SCORING** – Manage all aspects of the event scoring. Assign assistants to help with scoring.

**MERCHANDISING** – Manage all aspects of the event merchandising.

**REGATTA SECRETARY** – Manage all aspects of the regatta office. Record minutes of all meetings, prepare list of committee chairs and contact information.

**LOCAL KNOWLEDGE EXPERT** – Manage all dissemination of local knowledge to competitors including daily weather information.

VOLUNTEERING FOR ONE OF THESE POSITIONS IS ONE WAY TO SHOW YOUR SUPPORT FOR THE JUNIOR SAILING PROGRAM AT THE NSA. IN ADDITION, we will need many volunteers, besides the chairpersons, to help make it a great event. We need volunteers for: the race committee; to bring their boats and crew for the safety boats and mark set boats; to help with food preparations,; to help prepare the club and grounds for the regatta; and, to help support the all of the events, including the clinics during the week.

**If you are interested and want more information, if you are willing to make a commitment to one of chairperson positions, or if you simply want to volunteer your time and talent, please contact LORI GRAHAM at 316-773-3580.**

## 2005 N.S.A. Social Events

New Years Party,	December 31
Super Bowl Party,	February 6, 2005 about 4:00 P.M.
*March Bonfire Party and Picnic,	March 12, 6:00 P.M.
April Covered Dish Social,	April 16, 6:00 P.M.
*Memorial Day Dinner, Sunday,	May 29, 6:30 P.M.
40 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Club, Saturday, Blessing of the fleet at 4:00 P.M., June Block Party at 6:30	June 18,
*Independence Eve Party, Sunday,	July 3, 6:30 P.M.
Commodore's Pancake Feed,	July 4, 8:00-10:00 A.M.
Progressive Dinner, Saturday,	August 6, 6:30 P.M.
August Block Party, Saturday,	August 20, 6:30 P.M.
*Labor Day Weekend Party, Sunday,	September 4, 6:30 P.M.
*October Low Country Boil and Bonfire, Saturday,	October 1, 6:30 P.M.
Annual Meeting and Covered Dish Dinner, Sunday,	November 6, 2:00 P.M.
*Holidays Party, Saturday,	December 3, 7:00 P.M.

\*These events require reservations to be made with Mike Mason, by e-mail at [masonrochelle@aol.com](mailto:masonrochelle@aol.com), or by phone at 316-722-0207. Reservations must be made at least three days prior to the event. Payment should be made at the event. All reservations will be acknowledged if you leave your name and phone number, and ignored if you don't.



# Murder Mystery Benefit for Matt Graham

Presented By:  
Wyldewood Cellars  
Winery



**Date: 02/18/05**  
**\$40 per Person**

Please join us for a FUN evening with friends and family to help send Matt Graham (NSA Jr. Sailor) to Lake Garda, Italy. Matt recently

earned a spot with 9 other sailors from around the United States to sail on Team USA. He needs to raise \$5,000 to pay for his regatta, coach, uniform and travel expenses.



Matt sails the Optimist sailboat, pictured below. He is one of only 10 of the best sailors from around the USA who are invited to

**Purchase Tickets  
From Matt Graham  
773-3580**

\$40 per person includes:  
Wine & Cheese Tasting,  
4-Course Dinner,  
Dessert, and  
Murder Mystery Show



Start Line at Lake Garda, Italy

# THE MAINSHEET Classifieds



**Hobie 18 Magnum.** 1985 White hulls & tramp. Black wings. EPO rudders. White Prism Sails. Rolco Trailer. \$1850 Contact Phil Knapp 688-5091

**Wooden Windmill.** Trailer and sails. \$400. Chrysler Buccaneer. Trailer and sails. \$300. Need: International Fireball and parts. Tony Scuka 316-942-1990.

**Santana 25** – Quarter ton boat and trailer \$7000, or with all the extras \$12,000. Great boat for pleasure and racing. Make offer. Boat located at 3416 ½ W. University, Wichita, KS. 316-946-0745

**S2, 7.3(24 ft),** 1978 “Pumpkin”, good sails, needs a little TLC, 9.5 Yamaha, Trailer...worth \$6500.00 must sell... \$4900.00 Mike 312-491-2800

**Catalina 250**—wing keel-135%roller furling genoa — Hummingbird depth guage-new2003- new black hull paint April 2004-6000 lb trailer , double axle with surge braking, Galvanized. Nissan 5hp 4-stroke engine used less than two gallons of gas all season this year.—current name “Forgiveness”— Really a good deal, available in plenty of time to hone your sailing skills and sail



the Catalina 25 Nationals at Cheney this next year at Cheney!—Call Vic Carter at 773-3534

**J/24's For Sale.** Many great J/24's are available for sale both Regionally and Nationally for very reasonable prices. If you are interested, contact Schoen Fitzgerald at 316-685-9225 or Dan Acridge at 316-687-2471. Call us or stop by the slips, we'd be happy to take you out to test drive one of these great one-design racers. J/24 “The Ultimate One-Design”

## **MAINSHEET Classified Advertising Policy**

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## ***The Stopper knot***

There are many kinds of stopper knots. They are used to enlarge the “bitter end” of a line so that when the line goes through a block or eyelet it will not run all the way through. The stopper knot stops this from happening. The “figure of eight” knot is pictured alongside and should take no further directions in assembling.



## ***The “Bolin” knot***

There are many ways to spell this knot and just as many uses for it. This knot is a nice knot in that it forms a loop and even when pulled very tight can be untied rather easily without damaging the line. This is the knot “landlubbers” explain by saying something like “the rabbit comes out of the hole, runs around the tree and goes back down the hole again”. Once again, as we ‘old salts’ often say, “a picture is worth a thousand words”.



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