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Cheney Lake, Kansas

From The Commodore

As we wind down the season, albeit a little early for some of us due to the lack of water under our keels, it seems like it went by in a flash. We had some great events, lots of good racing, and just plain fun this year at the lake. Please remember the annual meeting is coming up, I hope to see you all there for an update on your association and plans for next year. It has been an interesting and challenging time of late for your Board, please come and thank them for their efforts on your behalf November 5th.

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WINTERTIME SLIP USE

This notice applies to everyone having their boats in the water after November 1. Please comply with these directives:

1. Notify the Harbormaster of your intention to stay in the water past November 1. He will assign you a Winter Slip on A or B slip.
2. Notify the Harbormaster of your intention to use a De-Icer. All such equipment must have a working thermostat. There is a fee for electricity for this equipment.
3. Slip plumbing will be shut off and winterized . Do not reconnect any slip plumbing. Please remove garden hoses from the docks, or they will be donated to the Association or discarded for you. This applies to any hose not in use as a temporary water supply from the frost free hydrants on shore. Call Patrick if you have any questions.
4. The High Pressure Sprayer will remain operational by request throughout the winter. The user should bring a gallon of environmentally friendly engine anti-freeze (NOT RV PINK STUFF) to re-winterize the sprayer pump after use. Call Patrick ahead of time to arrange for use of the sprayer.
5. Our Bathhouse will remain operational until our propane tank runs out, then it will be closed. The Pit Toilet will remain open for your enjoyment.
6. Please thoroughly winterize your boat. Use environmentally friendly antifreeze solutions. Secure halyards away from masts. Remove rodent attractants from your boat. Double your dock lines. Check your cockpit drains. Take your sails off and put them out of harm's way. As per the Club Rules, come out and check your boat every couple of weeks.
7. Remember: ALL BOATS in past November 1 are to be berthed on A or B Slips. Call the Harbormaster or Property Manager with any questions.
8. Electrical power will be turned off on C, D and E docks.

Board of Governors

Minutes
Board of Governors
Ninnescah Sailing association
October 12, 2006

Present: Adams, Mason, Honeyman, Carlsen, Fitzgerald, Carlisle, Shull, Johnson, Gerken and Huffman.

Meeting came to order at 7:05 pm at Quincy's.

- The minutes of the September meeting were approved as published.

- The financial report was received and reviewed.

- Adams reported that the boats were being winterized; that new lights were being erected in the yards; that gravel had been spread on yard drives; that the Kubota tractor was in for minor repair; that parts for the beacon on Stone's jetty have been ordered; that the slips will be winterized soon and the water turned off. The pressurized washer will still be available at the crane but will need to be rewinterized after each use (see notice in Mainsheet).

- Carlsen reminds members not to discard oil or batteries at the club, mow your yard space once more and put your name on your trailer.

- Honeyman advised the work had been done to the ends of the slips on C dock to get the underwater braces out of the mud and he's working on a solution to the problem for the future. The board discussed turning the decking over on A and B docks. Patrick will try it on a limited basis, and if feasible, work parties



will be organized to complete it before next season.

- Mason reported that the Low Country Boil was a success and reminds members of the annual meeting and covered dish dinner Sunday November 5 at the Afterdeck at 3:00. The Holiday party will be December 2 at the Afterdeck.

- Gerken reported that the Opti regionals will be held here in May and that the Jr.sailing camp is currently scheduled for May 25 thru 28. The GUST program will include Windycrest and OCBC this next year if all goes as currently being discussed.

- Carlisle read a letter from the State Park thanking NSA for its assistance in making the National State Park Directors event a major success for the State and NSA.

He announced the nominees for next years board as follows: Andy Woodward for Commodore Elect, Jim Pierce for Vice Commodore, SONDY GARVEY for Operations Officer and Rich Shull for Secretary.

- Jim reported that the Long Range Planning Committee recommended the Board address electric fees for the use of air conditioners at the slips and a method of charging for electrical connection at the campground. The LRP suggested

a \$100.00 annual fee for each. The LRP also addressed dredging and jetty construction to increase the number of deep-water slips in the future and the need to start investigation options with the state and federal authorities.

- The monthly Board Breakfast will be Tuesday, October 17 at 7 am at the Beacon.

- The November Board meeting will be Thursday, November 2 at 7 pm at Quincy's.

- The Annual Meeting will be Sunday, November 5 at 3 pm at the Afterdeck, followed by a covered dish dinner.

- The Holiday Party will be Saturday, December 2 at the Afterdeck at 7 pm.

Social Calendar for 2006

November 5, Sunday, Annual Meeting, Elections, and Potluck Dinner. 3:00

December 2, Saturday, Holidays Party, 7:00.

Ninnescah Sailing Calendar 2006

November 4..... CSSA Annual Meeting

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, November 2nd.

-Only items on IBM formatted discs or e-mail will be accepted until 6:00 p.m Monday, November 6th.

-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.)

Jobson Report - July 5, 2006 By Gary Jobson

THE SAILING'S GREAT, EVEN WHEN IT'S LANDLOCKED

Don't fall into the trap of thinking all sailing happens on the coasts; there are vibrant lake and river sailing clubs that are just as passionate as their saltier counterparts on the oceans. From the July/August 2006 issue of Sailing World.

Sailing is a highly visible sport in many coastal towns, and along the shores of our Great Lakes, but there are vibrant sailing clubs operating on smaller lakes and rivers everywhere across the country. The enthusiasm for sailing in these landlocked venues is strong, and the sailors of America's inland waters are every bit as enthusiastic as those of us on our coasts.

In my travels I've visited many of these places, including, but not limited to Lake Dillon, Colo., White Bear Lake and Minnetonka Lake in Minnesota, Lake Carlyle, Ill.; Lake Travis, Texas, and Lake Murray, S.C. I've been to the Thunderbird Sailing Club in Norman, Okla., and Geist Reservoir in Indianapolis. Each has its unique character, but among them there's a common passion for getting the most from experiences on the water. Let's visit a few that caught me by surprise.

"We like to pretend we're racing here in the Land of Oz," laughs Dr. Andrew Craig, a founding member of the Ninescah Sailing Association, based in

Wichita, Kan. But this "crossroads of America" is one of the windiest parts of the country thanks to its flat topography. Cheney Lake, located in south central Kansas, lies within the North Fork of the Ninescah River Valley.

"It can be very windy for days on end making sailing on our 10,000-acre lake a real challenge," says Craig. "In 1965 the Ninescah River [a tributary of the Arkansas River] was dammed, and we suddenly had a reservoir to use. Forty-one people showed up for the first meeting to organize a sailing club. We're lucky not to have many powerboats here."

Enhancing Cheney Lake's prairie feeling, is the absence of houses along the lakefront, which is important to keeping the water clean. Over the years, about 150 homes have been built in the area, but they're set back one quarter of a mile from the lake. Because of this, it's a pristine area in which to sail, with more than 5,000 acres of wildlife area and nearly 2,000 acres of state park. To keep things simple, the lake has two marinas and one yacht club.

"Our challenge is to get the weekend crowd to sail their boats," says Craig. "Too many spend their time in their slips."

In 1999 the NSA expanded its clubhouse to attract more people, and to encourage more of them onto the water more often they've been using a reverse starting system for its PHRF fleet, so, as Craig says, "the bigger boats have to catch up to the small ones by the finish." The club seeks out major regattas to host, and in 2005 they held the district's J/24 championship. "In addition to hosting regattas, our biggest emphasis is on our youth program," says Craig. "We have Optimists and 420s." There's also an active Hobie 16 fleet, and Flying Scots are popular here as well.



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 Jim Carlisle via e-mail jamescarlisle@cox.net or phone (316-721-8350).

* **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.

* **Mow your yardspace**

The grass is still growing, so please mow your yard space one more time, tall grass looks unsightly and is a fire hazard.

And from Operations - Mike Mason

As the full moon rose over Cheney Lake on October 7, it shone down on a bonfire and over seventy-five club members on the point enjoying the evening and a low country boil. The moon rose just before the first pot of shrimp, potatoes, chicken, roasting ears, and brats was dumped on the table. The smells were tantalizing, the temperature perfect, and the bonfire rose in a gentle breeze carrying its smoke off the north west end of the point.

Mary Kearby, Tonya Graves, Bill Raymond, and Rick Graves deserve most of our thanks, but there were others who pitched in to prepare the food for the pots. I give you all my thanks and the thanks of the rest of the participants, whom I am sure felt they were getting the best meal deal of the year.

We have two social events left this year. On Sunday, November 5, at 3:00 P.M., we have the annual meeting and pot luck meal. Bring your best meat, salad, side, or desert dish and join us in the afterdeck for the sole general meeting of the year. Approximately one month later on Saturday, December 2, 7:00 P.M., we will have the annual Holidays dinner and dance in the Afterdeck. For that we will have live music and an extra special catered meal. Be sure to get your reservations in to me, at 316-722-0207 or Mmasonwcht@aol.com. The fee for this will be \$25 per person.



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THE MAINSHEET Classifieds



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"

American 15-1987-built in Charleston, S.C., Sails, boat, and trailer in good shape. Can be seen in east boatyard, space #88. Asking \$1000. Call Bruce at 316-744-7255

Sunfish - '75. Self-bailing cockpit, mainsheet block & cleat, new inspection ports fore & aft, dry hull, Sailrite sail less than 4 years old, canvas bags for sail/spars, wooden daggerboard & rudder/tiller, excellent shape, kept inside in winter, under tarp in summer. Complete w/ trailer w/ new tires/wheels, wheel jack and bearing buddies. \$1200. Call John @ (316) 215-1487, or e-mail: dacheez02@yahoo.com for additional info or pix.

Anchor, five feet tall, was brought up in shrimp net in Campeche Bay near Yucatan, in the Gulf of Mexico. This anchor is similar to the one you can see as you drive along East 21st Street, North of WSU, at one of the Sorority houses that is "anchored" in cement in the front yard. Contact Charlotte Foster, 702 Courtleigh, Wichita, KS 67218, 683-8633 and make a good offer.

Chrysler Buccaneer, 1978 - \$900. 18 foot, pics available. Would be a good first boat. Has the original main and jib, plus a new main and jib that have never been used. Boat has new lines. New bearings, wheels, and tires on the trailer. Blue hull with a white deck. Mike Shaw 316-721-5216. Wichita Ks.

Hobie Tiger. 2003 - Galvanized trailer, beachwheels, new STX mainsail, new Pentax Jib, new carbon rudders, red Hobie tiger spinnaker. Excellent condition and located in Wichita, KS \$9000 316-371-7809

Lost silver Nintendo DS. During the regatta on Aug. 26-27, my son lost his silver Nintendo DS with 2 games in it: (Super Mario & Sonic Battle) If you found it please call Gregg or Kelli Blanchat at 776-0176.

Sailboat Wanted -We are looking for a sailboat that would be good for beginners. Will consider all options...for my husband, myself and our 2 sons (ages 8 & 11) 620-669-9879 (home phone) 620-802-8456 (cell) robnjody@sbcglobal.net

South Coast 23. STARDUST. Original Carl Alberg design. At Cheney since new; third owner. Completely rebuilt in 2002. Sailed one season since. Stored indoors. Original red gelcoat hull. New teak trim. Lewmar chrome sheet winches. New Schaeffer roller furler and 130% genoa. New mainsail cover. Lazy jacks. Spinnaker & pole on deck chocks. New Harken traveler and mainsheet. New Harken boom vang. Internal outhaul. Two halyard winches on mast. All new running rigging. New rubber rub strip around hull/deck joint. Automatic bilge pump. Three anchors: Plow, Danforth & Claw; new rode and chain on each. Stem head and rudder / tiller fittings re-chromed. Custom machined genoa fairlead cars and stern light / ensign socket, powder coated. Marine head. (Holding tank and deck plate, DC/AC inverter and heavy duty bow eye included but not installed.) 5hp Seagull Silver Century+ F/N/R outboard. Dock & spring lines, bumpers, boat hook, etc. Removable bulkhead compass. Tandem axle trailer with new tires on ground and two spares. Full cabin & cockpit cushions in good shape. Blue bottom with 1 1/2 gallons of matching paint. Also includes two sets of foul weather gear (One set of Henry Loyd and one set of West Marine), Hand held marine band VHF radio, hand held Magellan GPS and several good quality life jackets. Photos at: <http://groups.msn.com/SouthCoast22SkippersbayBee/southcoast23pictures.msnw?action=ShowPhoto&PhotoID=771> \$6000.00 FOB Wichita, Kansas, (316) 722-8983.

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mainsheet@ninescah.org. Your item will appear in two consecutive issues and on the w.w.w. unless you advise otherwise. Please let the editors know if the item is sold or if you want your ad discontinued after the first insertion.

Cal 9.2 (30ft). FOR SALE BY OWNER: 1982. Looking for a nice big boat with a slip and trailer? Check this out: New main and Jib in 2000. Spinnaker and Flexible Furler. Universal Diesel. New running rigging. Bimini and cockpit cushions, refrigerated icebox and suitcase A/C. CD player. Custom road trailer. Slip transfers with Board approval. \$29,500. To see this boat in the water, call Patrick at 540.3674

O'day 272 LE - 2nd Wind - 1987 Diesel inboard, wheel steering, galley, head, furling jib, trailer, 2' 11" draft. Will include slip transfer with Board approval. See on A-Dock slip A-16 at NSA. \$14,900 firm. Contact Jerry Galemore at 620-663-4982.

Prindle 19. FOR SALE BY OWNER: 1987 with trailer, equipment box, sail tube. Ready to go for only \$1200. Call Patrick at 540.3674



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