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Dog Tales

Be sure to read Vice Commodore's Log for September meeting change information

Commodore's Log

Another month gone by and we are still gaining members—please welcome Susan Bauer to the club, we are now up to 73. Still not close to where we were 5 years ago but much better than we hoped at the beginning of the year. Don't forget if you bring a new member in and they sign up you get a free sail –make sure we know about it.

This month's sails were reasonably well attended; August is always a quiet month what with vacations and other things happening. Thanks to Gari and Shane for organizing the Chatfield and Moonlight sails. Jo and I did the Thursday night sail and although we only had two boats we were able to get eight crew people accommodated—thanks to the boat owners who made the effort.

Coming over the upcoming week end is a multi day week end sail at Dillon with Marilyn Allen as coordinator, I look forward to seeing you there.

Surprisingly, we have had some good turn outs for dry land events this year (Gari is the overall coordinator) with good success at the first ever annual miniature golf and also at the Jackson Lake overnight meteor shower event. I say surprising because there is a history with the Salty Dogs that the dry land events are not so popular—that has not been the case this year and we have had a busy season.

We have had several suggestions for alternate places to have the Thursday meetings starting in October—we will circulate the ideas in a web blast in September and see what reaction we get. Also start thinking about suggestions for the annual Xmas party—it has been suggested that instead of having it at a hotel as we have done in recent years we have a "home" party where one of the members has it at their home and we all bring a dish—we would still have the Xmas party happenings (Carol singing, gift exchange etc) but it would be less expensive for the members and also we could have it closer to Xmas itself. The hotels get booked up and expensive the closer you are to Xmas.

Please send your comments to me about this Xmas party idea, and I will circulate to the board and we will see what we decide –my email is below.

I won't be at the September meeting or at the sails as Jo and I will be in France—we have a river boat rented and will tour the rivers and canals of Brittany in northern France. We will still be on the water but not under sail, lots of locks but very beautiful. See you in October.

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Upcoming Events

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Labor Day Sail	Sep 4-6
Meeting	Sept 9
End of Summer Sail	Sept 18
Hike and potluck	Sept 25
Meeting	Oct 14
Autumn sail	Oct 16



What did the water say to the boat?

Nothing, it just waved.

Vice Commodore's Log

by Pat Pardekooper

September 9, Thursday Meeting Major change in location

The September club meeting will be at Champps American Restaurant
7301 Santa Fe Drive
Littleton, CO

At Mineral and Santa Fe Drive West Side in the ASPEN GROVE SHOPPING Center.

Lost? Call the restaurant at 303-707-0333.

Plan to arrive around 5:30 for dinner, socializing and announcements. The presentations begin around 7:00 and last until around 8:00

Please note this is the Champps in Aspen Grove Shopping Center NOT Park Meadows Mall



UPCOMING DRYLAND ACTIVITIES

by Gari Westkott

coming up (tentative)

Sept. - Hike to petrified wood (on Green Mountain) and potluck at Gari's

Oct. - movie night at Lori's

Nov. - annual meeting

Dec. - Christmas party



Hike and Potluck - Sept. 25
Meet at Gari Westkott's house at 2 PM

if you want to get some exercise. Bring your food with you and stick in the fridge. Then we will carpool to Dinosaur Ridge or just step outside and hike Green Mountain (group's choice). We will return around 5:30 PM and set up for the potluck, margaritas and feet up discussions. For those of you who just want to BS and eat, come at 6pm. Call to let her know to expect you - 303-986-4792.
Gari



Movies at Lori's - Oct. 23
More details will come next month's on Lori Conway's movie night, but the date and title are set. Come see with us "Master and Commander", starring Russell Crowe.



UPCOMING SAIL INFORMATION (For more information, contact the coordinator as listed.)

END OF SUMMER SAIL
September 18, 2010
Chatfield Reservoir

Although school is in session, summer is definitely NOT over. Come enjoy the cooler temperatures and better winds of September. (Do not even think of a chance of snow!) Meet at the picnic tables near the Marina at 10:30 AM for a quick snack and boat sign up. Plan to be on the water by 11:00 or 11:30.

Bring a lunch, a snack to share, water, sunscreen, hat, and your PFD. We will raft up (unless we're too busy sailing) around 1:00 for lunch and a dip for any daring souls. Length of sail will depend on weather and the captain.

Cost: Members—\$15.00
Guests—\$22.00

Reserve now! I have two boats lined up at present.

Please note that Becky is unable to attend the September meeting due to Back-to-School-Night. Shane will be passing around a sign up list. Please pay him.



Perusing the Perseids

by Becky Mock

The trip to Jackson Lake was attended by 10 salty dogs and two guests. We began arriving and setting up camp just before 3:00. Then we went to the swim beach for a much needed dip in the lake. Returning to camp we made dinner and waited for the fun to begin.

The sunset was truly spectacular. A bank of clouds over Denver in the west refracted the light from the setting sun turning the sky many shades from pink to orange to red to purple. Venus was visible intermittently, shining in the western sky and playing hide and seek behind the clouds.

As the sky darkened, we began to spot meteors. The quick streaks had everyone oohing and ahing and shouting "There goes one!" We also spotted several satellites making their way slowly across the sky.

We watched the sky and told the stories of the constellations. Bill Kenman and I had both brought telescopes, and when Jupiter rose everyone was treated to a view of the four Galilean moons. They

were all lined up in a row on either side of the massive planet. We also saw a close up view of the Andromeda galaxy through my binoculars. Andromeda is the farthest object in space that can be seen with the naked eye.

Just after 11:00, rain started to fall. Clouds had been moving in for a while. Several people had gone to bed with requests to be wakened when the big show starts. The rain drove the rest of us to bed. I set my alarm for 1:30 and planned to get a few hours sleep. However, the wind came up, and my tarp was making enough noise to wake people in the next county, so I got up to take it down. I shoved it in my car and decided since the rain had stopped and the sky had cleared to stay up. I lay on my hammock and watched the sky. The Milky Way was a brush stroke of light across the darkness. With my binoculars, I was able to see the two double clusters in Perseus and the open cluster in Hercules. I found Taurus as the great bull rose and saw Aldebaran, the huge red supergiant that forms his eye. The Pleiades rose looking

like a smudge in the sky until you look at them through the binoculars. The star separates and the whole family becomes individuals. As I watched, the big dipper sank into the clouds in the west while Cassiopeia rotated until she was finally sitting upright in her throne. I became one with the universe and could even feel Earth rotate beneath me.

The clouds had be closing in and moving out all night. Just before 2:00, there was a break and a noticeable increase in the number of meteors. I went around camp and woke everyone. We watched for a couple of hours as meteors streaked in all directions. People drifted back to there tents, and when Orion put in his appearance at 4:00, I decided it was time for me to retire.

We rose as the temperature rose, ate our breakfasts and broke camp. A prolonged dip in the lake, where we were treated to an aeronautics show by a large flight of pelicans preceded our separate journeys home.



The Lazarette

Colorado Sailing Center

4719 S Santa Fe Circle, Suite 4

Englewood, Colorado

Come see our new store created for sailors and their boats!

<http://coloradosailingcenter.webs.com/newsinformation.htm>

"To insure safety at sea, the best that science can devise and that naval organization can provide must be regarded only as an aid, and never as a substitute for good seamanship, self-reliance, and sense of ultimate responsibility which are the first requisites in a seaman and naval officer."

Admiral Chester W. Nimitz

"There is little man has made that approaches anything in nature, but a sailing ship does. There is not much man has made that calls to all the best in him, but a sailing ship does." – Allan Villiers

Bowsprit—sexy part of the rig on old sailing ships

Buccaneer—pirate who would wear a dollar bill on each ear as a warning that he was after your money.

Buoys—floating objects attached to the bottom in prodigious quantities at the entrance to harbors acting as an obstacle course. These hazardous floating objects are usually made of steel and could cause damage if struck.

Burgoo—sticky oatmeal gruel that would support life. Sailors could eat it too.

Calm—a meteorological stat of no wind that can drive sailors mad if it persists. Also a state that you dream of when winds reach storm force 10. Sometimes wise to remember the old adage, "This too shall pass."

Capsize—When your boat and you go head over heels. Term originate when Jamsheet Bumbledumb survived one and couldn't stop telling everyone about it. His head got so big his cap size had to be increased.

Name This Lighthouse

Note: All lighthouses are official US lighthouses.

The lighthouse went into operation on November 1, 1884. A revolving fourth-order Fresnel lens produced a white light with intermittent red flashes.

The four-story cast-iron tower has a diameter of 22 feet at its base and 12 feet at the fourth level. It is topped by a cylindrical watch room and a 10-sided cast-iron lantern. The combined height of the caisson and tower is 66 feet, and the light shines from 70 feet above the water. The caisson, 30 feet in diameter, contains a brick-lined basement that held a cistern, coal bin, boiler, and privy (not installed until around 1920). The keepers lived inside the tower, with the first floor serving as a kitchen and living area. The second and third floors were bedrooms, and the fourth level was a combined bedroom and tool storage area.

A major storm on August 26, 1924 sent waves crashing over the top of the lighthouse, 70 feet above the water, smashing the lower windows and destroying the station's boats. Hurricanes in 1938 and in 1954 caused additional damage, the Coast Guard elected to decommission and abandon the light. Most of the

fourth-order lens is now at a museum, while a small section of the lens is in the possession of the local historical society.

A local philanthropist bought the lighthouse for \$1,111.11 at auction in 1961. The philanthropist's family kept the lighthouse painted, hiring bridge painters to do the job, but upkeep was expensive. In 1985, the structure was donated to a local restoration non-profit group.

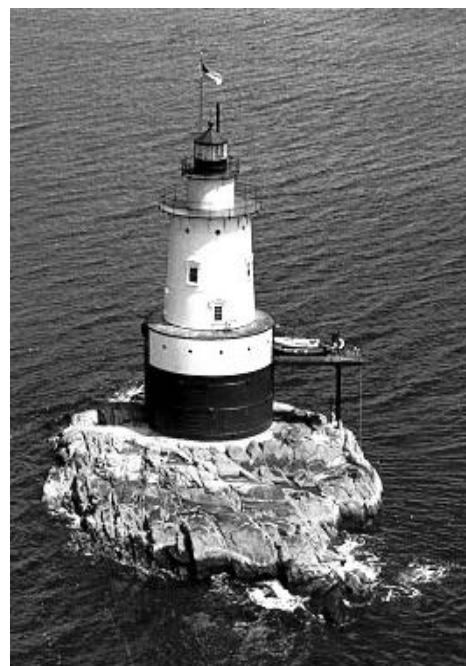
Relighting was scheduled for December 1992, and the lighthouse got a fresh coat of paint in preparation for the big event. The Coast Guard installed new optics and other equipment, including solar panels for power. More than 40 years after it had gone dark, the way was cleared for the light to be switched back on.

Coast Guard personnel got the optic and related equipment in order, and on March 22, 1997, the Friends celebrated in style on a nearby beach. A band played and hundreds arrived in cars and buses. The new .77 amp bulb produces a red flash every six seconds, visible for seven nautical miles.

Answers

Last month's — Piedras Blancas, Central California

Name and location of the lighthouse below will be revealed next month.



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We're on the web!

www.saltydog.org

The Salty Dog Sailing Club, Inc. is a Colorado nonprofit organization composed of couples and singles interested in sailing and socializing with others who share their love for the sport. Boat owner and non-owners are welcome!

The Club plans about a dozen sails each season, including day and weekend sails at nearby lakes. Special three day holiday trips often include Lake Granby or Pueblo Reservoir in Colorado, Lake McConaughy in Nebraska, or Glendo Reservoir in Wyoming.

Salty Dog members have also organized charter sails in the Virgin Islands, the Bahamas, Greece, and France.

Aside from sailing, we have a variety of fun dryland activities throughout the year.

Meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month, except for February, November and December when there are banquets and special parties.

Beginning in June regular club meetings resume at the Chatfield Marina. Rendezvous at the Seagull (Chatfield marina) Restaurant around 5:30-6:00 for socializing with other members and to order dinner. A brief meeting will follow with the goal of being on the water by 7:00 pm.

Event Schedule

(I'm going to try to keep this projected for 2 months, space permitting. Check each issue for changes.)

Date	Event	Location	Coordinator/Presenter
September 4-6, 2010	Labor Day Sail	Dillon	Marilyn Allen
September 9, 2010	Meeting	Champp's at Aspen Grove	Pat Pardekooper
September 18, 2010	End of Summer Sail	Chatfield	Becky Mock
September 25, 2010	Hike and Potluck	Gari's House	Gari Westkott
October 14, 2010	Meeting	TBD	TBD
October 16, 2010	Autumn Sail	Chatfield	Dave and Jo Davies
October 23, 2010	Movie Night	Lori's house	Lori Conway

Signal Flags

FOR SALE: Nice 1974 American 16' fiberglass boat that's ready to sail. Seats 6, sleeps 2 in cabin. Includes a good running 3.6 h.p. Elgin water cooled engine. Extra jib sail-2 different sizes. Trailer - great shape w/new paint, tires, lights and roller. Trailer has buddy bearings and is tiltable w/guide posts for easy loading/unloading. Sails ride high for plenty of head clearance. \$1,150. Please call Dave at 719-488-0143.

Articles for next issue are due on the 25th.
Please send Word Doc (2003) files to:
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(Note new e-mail address.)

FOR SALE: MacGregor 26D Sailboat: Rigged to race or cruise, Water ballast, Enclosed head, Electric & Manual start 15HP Evinrude O.B. motor, 7 Sails, Anchor, Boom & Tackle/easy mast raising/lowering. Pop-top cover, Cockpit cushions, 1000W Generator, Guide bars & Bearing Buddies/Trailer, Dry storage/Chatfield lake, Sail or Racing lessons included, \$6,990.00. Call George: 303-777-7232 Day & Eve., 303-594-4198 Cell.

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