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Dog Tales



Commodore's Log

Marilyn Allen

Hi fellow Salty Doggers -

I'm looking at this PILE of snow in my driveway and really craving some boat and beach time. How about you? Several of our members are on sailing trips to warmer locales about now. Many of the trips have been arranged through friendships and associations formed through the Salty Dogs.

The January meeting was our planning meeting for 2019 sailing events. If you didn't attend, well, I hope you like what our club has scheduled. We'll be doing a 4-day trip to Lake Mac in Nebraska, a couple of trips to Dillon, one to Pueblo, and of course our single day trips to local lakes. We'll be doing a little more on Cherry Creek and also more weekday events, at the request of our members. Some of the Cherry Creek and week day events might be a little more spur of the moment, so keep your eyes open for web blasts as sailing season starts. Diana Bliss, our On the Water Coordinator is working hard with the Board to put together a great sailing season that will appeal to all.

We also passed out a questionnaire to uncover what you, the club members, would like to see from our club during 2019. I know Blair Ohler, our able Vice Commodore is covering that in his log, but we'll also be passing out the questionnaires at Landlubbers. That will be your final chance to help guide the club to be what you, the member, want it to be.

Speaking of Landlubbers, get your checks and your reservations in NOW. We need to plan fun events and get numbers to the restaurant. \$29 check, made out to Salty Dogs reserves your spot. Send to Marilyn Allen. The date is February 16 at 6 PM at Piccolo's. Deadline for checks is Feb. 10, but we'd sure like to hear from you before that.

Our first board meeting was on Jan. 13. Your board is here to help make the club better, so we always appreciate your positive input. Tell us what you'd like to see moving forward.

We discussed ways to bring in more members, and particularly boat owners. **BOAT OWNERS - LET US KNOW WHAT WOULD MAKE THE CLUB MORE APPEALING TO YOU.** We had only 2 boat owners at that meeting, so input was limited.

We'd like to hear from all of our boat owners !

As an incentive to our members, we'll be offering the incentive of previous years - if a member is responsible for bringing a new member into the club, s/he gets a FREE 1-day sail. We have business cards that will be available at Landlubbers. Please pick up a few to have handy. A new member will also get their 2nd or 3rd 1-day sail free, as an incentive to keep coming back.

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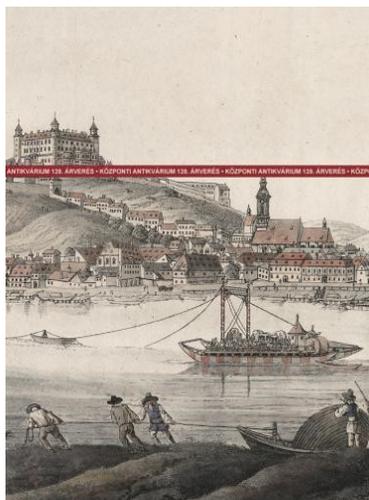
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Vice Commodore's Log

Blair Ohler

Hello sailors and welcome to a new sailing year, or is it a continuation of last year? I want to thank those of you who took the time to answer the Commodore's survey at the last meeting. It was very informative and gave us some information against which to plan meeting and educational presentations. I have enjoyed training and education all of my life and to see the need specified in the survey was heart-warming. We will be looking at presenting some of these things in the near future. We also will have our summer sailing sessions and meetings and I will try not to impinge on our sailing time during those meetings. I will tell you what the survey said and some logic as to how I think we should proceed. I am asking each of you to look at the priorities and make constructive suggestions as to how to make the offerings better.

The results in priority order, based on number of members who indicated they would like the subject presented in more detail:

1. Sailing knowledge
2. Boat behavior
3. Weather, reading clouds, etc.
4. Member trips both on and off water
5. How to set up a charter
6. Films, slides, etc. about sailing skills
7. Give-way rules and buoy markings

Closely associated with the above is an entry in the Dry Land Events, to wit: Sailing Classes for Beginners.

I believe another Board Member has suggested a Salty Dog Sailing Club 101 training session(s) for our members; and, it is the number 1 priority for on – the – water events. It also is in the Dry Land Event mentioned above. I would like for the club to consider having this Board Member work with experienced sailors to produce meaningful training that would provide information about how to comport oneself on a boat. There is a course through the Victoria Sailing School for beginners, but the idea here is to provide useful information in a hands-on format while being a member of the club—some dry land and some on the water.

Since we are nearing 'boats in the water' time, I'd like to concentrate on priorities 2, 3, 7 and 4. It is not quite the priority order, but will fit into the time frames we have before sailing. One other thought is that for some of the on-water monthly meetings, that we do a raft-up and share dinner while rafted. We would need the boat owners to feel comfortable with this and it would give some insights to lesser experienced sailors.

Let me know your thoughts on the above and I'll try to plan accordingly. Also, don't forget the Landlubber's meeting as our February meeting. See the Commodore's log for additional information. I look forward to seeing you at the Landlubber's meeting.

Respectfully,
Blair Ohler

Got More Nautical Smarts than a 10 Year Old ?

Why couldn't the sailor play cards ?
He was standing on the deck !

Why can't Pirates say the alphabet ?
They get lost at 'C' !

Sailing Schedule 2019 (a work - in - progress ...)

Diana Bliss

**** To volunteer as a Coordinator, please contact Diana at onthewater@saltydog.org ****



Date	Event	Location	Coordinator
Saturday May 4	Boat Wash / Launch	Chatfield	Becky Mock
Saturday May 18	Ladies Day Sail	Chatfield	Gary Kieft
Fri May 31 – Sun June 2	Memorial Day Weekend Sail	Lake Pueblo	Melissa Steiner
Saturday June 8	New Member Sail and BBQ	Chatfield	Tance Walker
Thursday June 13	June Meeting & Sail	Chatfield ?	
Saturday June 29	Men’s Evening Sail		
Thursday July 11	July Meeting & Sail	Chatfield ?	
Saturday July 20	Mid - Summer Day Sail		Blair Ohler
Weds July 24 - Sun July 28	Big Mac Multi - Day Sail	Lake McConaughy, Neb	
Fri Aug 9 - Sat Aug 10	Dillon Two - Day Sail	Lake Dillon	John Venema
Thursday August 15	August Mtg / Full Moon Sail	Chatfield	Shane Brouillette
Fri Aug 31 - Mon Sept 2	Labor Day Weekend Sail	Lake Dillon	Marilyn Allen
Thursday Sept 12	Sept Mtg / Full Moon Sail	Chatfield	
Saturday Sept 28	Golden Colors Sail	Cherry Creek	

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Lots in the works but not quite ready yet: a way to pay for events and products on line with your credit card (probably members only), use of Next Door website to advertise meetings, changed meeting formats that will offer a brief educational segment, a Salty Dog mission statement, meeting formats oriented to what you've told us you want to see.

NEEDED – A PUBLIC RELATIONS ASSISTANT to take photos for the web site and newsletter. If you're handy with a camera and would like to help out, please let me (the Commodore) know. You don't have to be available for every event, but our Web Master, Dave Westfall tells me photos REALLY help publicize the club and bring in potential members. By the way, Dave has used his expertise to make some very positive changes to our web site, including making it a lot more user friendly for mobile devices. Take a look (saltydog.org). Every click (view) increases our rankings in Google so visit often.

Last but not least, we have a new Dry Land coordinator, Andrea Lewis. She has the first event on the books at Breckenridge Brewery (not in Breckenridge). She's got some great ideas of her own, and we also got great input from our questionnaire.

I'm looking forward to seeing everyone at Landlubbers. One of our original members, Gari Westkott, is putting together some fun ideas to entertain, plus we'll be making awards for outstanding behavior – (good, bad, and “you really did that” ?).

Happy Winter – Spring isn't too far away.

Membership

If you have not taken advantage of Early – Bird reduced membership / renewal rates, please do get your new membership / renewal applications and payments in now. Timely payments help us keep our club operations up and running smoothly, keep our fees and insurance payments up.

Membership applications can be found on the SDSC Website, and
MUST BE RENEWED AND SUBMITTED EACH YEAR.

Membership questions or additional information, contact our new membership coordinator, Tance Walker, at membership@saltydog.org .

Announcements

LANDLUBBER's — Saturday February 16

Come along, everyone !

This is fun Jugglers, Clowns, Brass Bands, Fire - Eaters, Pirates, Parrots, Sword Swallowers and MORE ...

All this for only \$ 29 ? ! Under one roof, at Piccolo's ? ! Dinner Included ? !

YES !! Wow !!! Please get your checks / reservations in to Marilyn Allen NOW.

(Disclaimer - There may, in fact, not be ALL the entertainments listed above, but there will be awards , acknowledgements, such as The Almost World Famous 'Coordinator of the Year', 'Salty Dog of the Year', and 'Broken Mast' Awards and other fun moments !)

BRECKENRIDGE BREWERY TOUR / TASTING — (This is in Littleton, NOT Breckenridge)

Come and join the Salty Dogs Land Lovers group for a tour and tasting of various scrumptious beers followed by a social dinner in the restaurant.

SUNDAY 24th February - late afternoon

\$5 per person for the tour/tasting — dinner additional — to be paid by individuals at time of consumption.

To book your spot - please email Andrea Lewis at dryland@saltydog.org
\$5 per person to be mailed to me - and please write the check to "Salty Dogs"

Cheers!!

Andrea Lewis - Dry Land Activity Coordinator

Tentative Sailing Schedule is posted !

Calling all volunteers to consider being a coordinator of one of these sailing dates.

Check out the tentative sailing schedule.

We need members to step up and volunteer to coordinate a day sail or evening meeting sail.

You will get training and/or a mentor. Benefits are you get to Sail FREE that day.

If you have another date or activity in mind, let me know what you want to coordinate.

Please email Diana at onthewater@saltydog.org

Eighth Annual Boat Wash — Saturday, May 4, 2019

Chatfield Reservoir

Here is an opportunity for club members to assist boat owners for the season.

The Plan —

9:00 AM Meet boat owners at Lakeview Parking area (end of road to campsite loops B & C) to help as needed.

12:00 PM Pot luck lunch (Bring your own entrée and a side dish or dessert to share. You will also need your own table service and drink and a chair.)

Finishing cleaning / launching boats.

Sail, sail, sail (at captains' discretion after boats are cleaned)

Bring rags/sponges/buckets. We have hoses covered.

If you own a boat and would like to have it cleaned and polished, please let me know.

If you have a gas powered pressure washer that we can use, please contact me.

Contact—Becky Mock, realljomo@gmail.com if you are interested.

Salty Dog Sailing Club Officers

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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 owners 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.

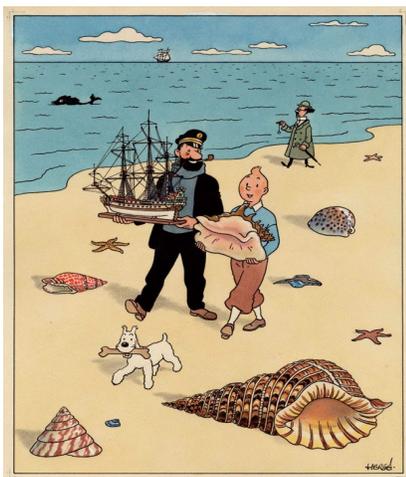
Aside from sailing, we have a variety of fun dryland activities throughout the year.

Meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month, except for February, November and December when there are banquets and special parties. Meetings during the off season are now held at Piccolo's, 3563 S. Monaco, Denver, CO 80237. 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.



Date	Event	Location	Coordinator/Presenter
February 16	Landlubber's	Piccolo's	Marilyn, Blair
March 14	Monthly Meeting	Piccolo's	Marilyn, Blair

Sailing Season ...



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
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Articles for next issue are due on the 25th. Please send Word Doc files to: newsletter@saltydog.org