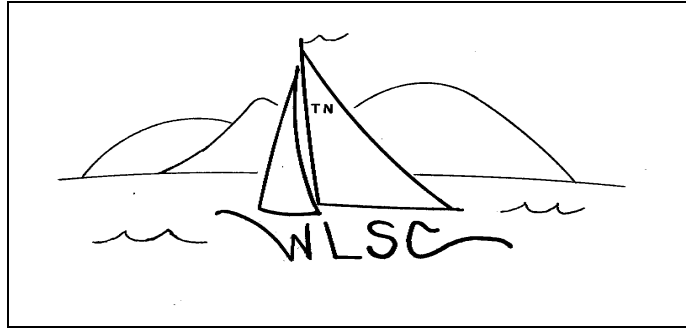


# THE JIB SHEET

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## ***In This Issue: New Officers Elected, Former Officer Farewells, Bathhouse Project Update, Boating Tips, Classifieds, and More!***

### **Fall Dinner Meeting a Success**

The Fall Dinner Meeting at The Captain's Table on Saturday, October 25 was a great success. Several members commented that the attendance may have been a record for a fall dinner. The food, company, awards, slides and elections were all a great success. New officers are listed in the Masthead of this Jibsheet and contact information is provided in the articles below.

### **A Note From the Past Commodore – Wayne Catoe**

2008 has been a great year for our sailing club. The racing program, under James Little's leadership and with Dave Bryson's help with the scoring, has been outstanding. It started with a sailing seminar conducted by Joe Waters of Waters Sails [Editors note: see the presentation at <http://littledomain.com/flashtest.htm>]. For the first time we had scheduled summer races which were well attended. We also had a fun race where the more experience racers served as crew for the new racers, great program. Thanks James for serving as our Race Captain in 2008 and again in 2009.

Bill and Adair Murdoch, as always did an outstanding job with the Fourth Of July and the Fish Fry. Jeff Arnfield served as co chairman, organized the salt water cruise, which was held at the Chesapeake Bay. Both the Murdochs and Jeff have agreed to co chair the Cruise Captain position again this year, thanks guys.

I want to thank Skip Greene, Mark Galloway, Robert Banks, and Clarke Lucas for their support in making this a great year.

For the first time our club had the opportunity to help in improving our sailing facility. We began the process of negotiating with Ted Tipton, the owner of Lake Shore Marina, to build a bath house, the agreement is that Ted would fund the project and we would construct the facility. We started the process last January and we are about 75% complete. John Middaugh and Kevin Dovovan have been the rock that has made this project possible. John did all the design work as well as worked many hours. Kevin has supplied his construction crew to build the roof and has led a crew of volunteers to put up the siding, great job. We have had a lot of support, too numerous to mention, in building the structure, however the job is not over. If we want to have the bath house ready for the 2009 season we are going to need more help. The next phase is to complete the inside - that includes drywall, tile, and painting. Please contact me or Kevin if you can help. [Editor's note: see the update from Kevin below in this edition.]

Finally I want to recognize Kevin Donovan, Commodore, Russ Veldman, Vice Commodore, and Tami and Todd Swift

Secretary as new officers, they were more than willing to take on the jobs, thanks guys.

As for me its been a very interesting year, I've enjoyed the opportunity to serve as your Commodore, however I will say, I'm looking forward to spending more time sailing and working on my boat in 2009.

Keep the rag side up,  
Wayne (wbcatoe@aol.com)

## **A Note from the Past and Present Race Captain - James Little**

I've really enjoyed being race captain during the last year and still have a lot to learn. Maybe this year I can avoid having the dam observatory mark randomly float across the lake.

My main goal is to encourage more members to participate in our racing program. We noted a lot of new sailors appearing in our Summer Morning Fun Race Series, thus I hope to build on that theme this year. Racing is a great way to hone ones sailing skills and confidence.

## **And A Little More about Jim (Reprinted Without Permission from 2008 Jibsheet)**

Race Capt. Jim Little, Kingsport, TN. -"Wild Blue Yonder"

"I've had many highs and lows in my years of sailing," 2008 & 2009 race captain James Little reminisced. With little or no sailing experience, Jim purchased a Capri 14.2 in 1988, with the expressed intention of "teaching myself to sail..."

"On a fairly warm day in December 1988, I set out on Patrick Henry Lake my wife Sandra and son Matt (a very young boy, at that time - the editor). The wind was blowing very hard and we headed downwind and the "little" boat (no pun intended) broached and capsized immediately. Sandra and Matt swam to shore and I remained with the boat. I spent an hour in the water before a park ranger arrived to rescue me. I wouldn't leave my boat and the ranger threatened to arrest me. Since I was obviously insane and couldn't be reasoned with, he finally agreed to tow me to shore. After several hours in front of a heater, my core body temperature finally returned to something near normal.

A smarter man would have sold the boat and found a more reasonable sport, but I'm still here (Surprisingly, so are Sandra and Matt...). I suppose I figured things could only improve after that.

I'm still here (Surprisingly, so are Sandra and Matt...). I suppose I figured things could only improve after that." Like many of us, Jim is a graduate of the Clarke Lucas School of Seamanship and Applied Humility, beginning to crew with Clarke in 1992. It remains a staple of WLSC lore that on his first sail with Clarke, Jim hoisted the headsail upside down, earning a gentle rebuff from the "soft-spoken" Capt. Lucas.

After getting his sea legs, Jim later captained many charter trips to the BVI, Leeward Islands, Outer Banks, Chesapeake Bay and other vistas with the Eastman Sailing Club. Serving eventually as president of the Eastman Sailing Club and as 2007 commodore of WLSC, Jim brings a high level of professionalism and personal commitment to the position of race captain.

Additionally, for the past two years, Jim has done excellent journeyman's duty in setting up the club's pictorial website.

## **Member at Large David Bryson**

Kingsport, TN. - O'Day 272 "Phase 2"

"My wife Jan and I have a long history of searching for hobbies that we both enjoy" said Dave Bryson. "When you consider our friendship with James and Sandra Little, it was probably inevitable that we ended up on a sailboat. And if the Littles pushed us a little in that direction, they have also taken us under their wings, providing instruction,

guidance, and help when we were in trouble." Dave's entry into sailboat ownership might not be described as "smooth sailing". About a year and a half ago, he bought a Merit 22 in something less than pristine condition. "On the inaugural trip home ... the trailer wheel actually came off and passed me," he said. "This gave me the opportunity to learn how to fix trailer hubs – immediately – and how to patch holes and repair fiberglass – ultimately. "Much to my surprise - after all, my initial experience was a little unnerving - the Merit turned out to be a jewel; it was simple and fast. We got it repaired and refitted in time for the fall 2007 race season. After spending many weekends sleeping on our little boat, Jan and I decided standing headroom and a few more creature comforts might not be such a bad idea, so we bought John Keefer's O'Day 272 in November. We love it and are spending weekends learning to sail a larger boat. "I have learned so much thanks to all the old (and not so old) salts on the docks. Everyone has taken Jan and me in and made sailing possible for us. Every trip out of the dock is a new opportunity to learn."

## **A Note From the Editors of the Jibsheet (and Club Secretaries)**

Tami and Todd Swift, Asheville, NC. - 1979 Chrysler 26 "Rimshot"

When you have a 100 pound outboard hanging over the water with barely sufficient lines to prevent it from going to the bottom of the lake and the Commodore shows up and offers to help in exchange for agreeing to hold an office for 2009, you say 'Yes'. And that's how we became secretaries (as Todd recalls the situation).

Tami and I relocated from Dubuque, Iowa for a job transfer in August of 2007. We're not new sailors, but did get into the hobby relatively recently. We purchased a beat-up 17' Sanibel sailboat about 5 years ago and camped and sailed on the Mississippi River for several years before upgrading to a Macgregor 26' water ballast boat (the biggest sailboat we could still move with our minivan). Not having an easy way to move the boat to Asheville, we decided to sell it before we moved. As I started looking at lakes near Asheville, a coworker suggested Lake Watauga. I Googled "Watauga + sailing" and found the club website. I gave Jim a call and he took the time to tell me how great the lake and club were. After seeing the ad for our Chrysler in the Jibsheet, I visited the boat once, purchased it, and we've now been at the lake for almost a year and a half. Our kids Sophie and Henry love being on the boat as long as it's warm enough that they can swim – they're still a bit neutral about sailing it on windy days. Our dog, Pepper, has even become a reasonably proficient 'sailing dog'. We've been continually impressed with the generosity and friendliness of club members. It really is a great club we have at the lake. We're excited to be helping out the other officers and are looking forward to another great year at the lake. Contact us at: toddswifty@gmail.com

***Stay Tuned for Additional Officer Bios in the next Jibsheet – don't forget to pay your dues to receive it!***

## **From Kevin Donovan – Bath House Coordinator and New Commodore**

This project will be a wonderful addition to the sail dock. Not only will we not have to walk to the house boat dock or worse- we will have hot water showers that you can actually fit in. I expect we will have even more WLSC members staying overnight with this additional benefit. Everyone will share in the enjoyment- please do your part to share in the work! ***I must appeal for more volunteer labor as we head towards winter.***

We will need semi experienced drywallers, painters, tile setters, plumbers, etc...! Please contact Wayne Catoe or John Middaugh for scheduling interior work. I am looking forward to the Frostbite race New Years Day, and to seeing each of you on the dock!

Commodore Kev

Take a look at some of the pictures: <http://littledomain.com/wlsc/bath-house>

Questions about the project? Contact Wayne Catoe, [wbcatoe@aol.com](mailto:wbcatoe@aol.com) , 828-260-2666 or Kevin Donovan, [kpd@keltico.com](mailto:kpd@keltico.com).

## **Don't Forget Your 2009 Dues!**

Everyone needs to pay their dues before January 1, 2009: \$15 a year family dues for current members and \$25 for new members. You need to make the deadline in order to insure your name is included in the 2009 club directory. Also, only members receive a copy of the directory.

Please send your dues to our treasurer at the following address:

WLSC  
c/o Mark Galloway  
2202 Forest Acres Dr.  
Johnson City, TN 37604.

## **What's Up (or Down!) With the Watauga Lake Water Level?**

James Little talked to a representative at TVA about the lake level. They will continue to draw down Watauga Lake to meet their downstream flow commitments. The current low level is due to the fact that the lake level started lower than normal in the spring.

They could reevaluate the relative amounts of water taken from South Holston versus Watauga Lake to meet their downstream flow commitments. However, there are no plans to change these amounts in the near future. In the short term, the representative indicated we should "pray for rain."

There are many noticeable changes at Lakeshore Marina. The biggest things are that the "hike up the hill" has increased, the distance between the sailboat dock and the houseboat dock has decreased, and the shallow water on the south side of the sailboat dock can be a problem for some sailors. The problems at Mallard Cove are much worse than those at Lakeshore.

Be careful at the dock and watch for shallow spots on the open water!

## **For the Cruisers!**

Saltwater Cruising Planning for 2009: Jeff Arnfield is starting to put together some plans for cruises for this year. Possible destinations include the Outer Banks of NC and/or the British Virgin Islands. Enter your vote today! A new poll has been created for the WataugaLakeSailingClub group:

If you're thinking of coming on the club's summer trip to points beyond, what week(s) are best for you?

- June 8-12
- June 15-19
- June 22-26
- Earlier
- Later
- Any time... I live to sail

To vote, please visit the following web page:

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/WataugaLakeSailingClub/surveys?id=2447347>

## **Don't Forget the January First Frostbite Race**

Don't miss the famous January 1st Frostbite Race! Captains Meeting at 1:00 PM on east end of Watauga Lake sailboat dock.

see <http://wlsc.lizards.net/frostbite.html> for more details.

## Great Web Resources

This is a new section of the newsletter to promote web links that members think are worthwhile to share. Please send your favorites to Todd at [toddswift@gmail.com](mailto:toddswift@gmail.com)

Boating Tips Galore: [http://www.boatus.com/boattech/howto\\_lib.htm](http://www.boatus.com/boattech/howto_lib.htm)

## Jib Sheet Classifieds

**1977 Catalina 25:** Good condition, four sails including spinnaker and two jibs, e-z loader all roller tandem trailer, 15 hp mercury outboard, electric start long shaft 1990 model, boat and trailer are 1977, new bottom vc-17 racing paint yearly, REDUCED price owner has Catalina 320 and can sail only one.... was \$7,695. now sale price \$6,495. Includes local delivery and setup and checkout sail. Call Ed Lockett 423-915-0572 for more info. Boat on trailer ready to deliver.

**1985 Catalina Capri 14.2:** With refurbished Highlander trailer. Good older sails – no holes or tears. Some scrapes and chips but no leaks. Good starter boat. \$900 OBO. Rob Goldsmith. [rgoldsmith@embarqmail.com](mailto:rgoldsmith@embarqmail.com) or 276-628-9540.

**1987 Hunter Legend 37.5:** Equipped with: Radar, Auto pilot, depth, Speed, Wind, Chart Plotter, all connected to Seatalk, Heat/AC, refrigeration, inverter, TV, Propane Stove w/Oven, new interior cushions, Barrier Coat. Located on the Chesapeake. \$57K. Wayne Catoe. 828-260-2666.

**1990 Hunter 27:** Full standing headroom throughout; lots of options, recent upgrades; low-maintenance; full galley; enclosed head; propane BBQ grill; swim platform; recent bottom paint; recent headsail furler; outboard kicker with new stainless retractable bracket, new controls led to cockpit; great interior; great overall condition. Slip rent paid through May 2009. Slip E-27, Watauga Lakeshore Marina. \$15,000.00  
Chris Lacy: (423) 288-5917 or [chrism43@aol.com](mailto:chrism43@aol.com)

**1984 Catalina 25:** Swing-keel sloop; main and furling genoa; dodger and bimini; Suzuki 15 HP electric-start kicker; newer (2005) Magic Tilt dual-axle trailer w/ electric brakes. Slip E-78, Watauga Lakeshore Marina. \$13,000.00. Jeff Morrison: (828)674-3149 or [jeffrymorrison@aol.com](mailto:jeffrymorrison@aol.com)

**Evinrude 2.3 HP Outboard:** Less than 100 total hours, great condition. \$150.00. Steve Brumit: [swbrumit@juno.com](mailto:swbrumit@juno.com) or (423) 737-9922.

**Hank-On Jib:** Built originally for Hunter 26.5; great condition; call or e-mail for dimensions. \$350.00. Kevin Donovan: [kpd@keltico.com](mailto:kpd@keltico.com) or (828)963-7614.

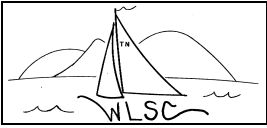
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*Commodore Kev has stated a goal for 2009 of "greening" of the club, our dock, and possibly working with the marina. Here's a start: Any members who would like to save the club money and save some trees by only receiving the electronic version of the Jibsheet, please contact the secretaries at [toddswift@gmail.com](mailto:toddswift@gmail.com). You can always add the printed version back later or print the Jibsheet yourself to pass it on to a friend or potential member.*

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