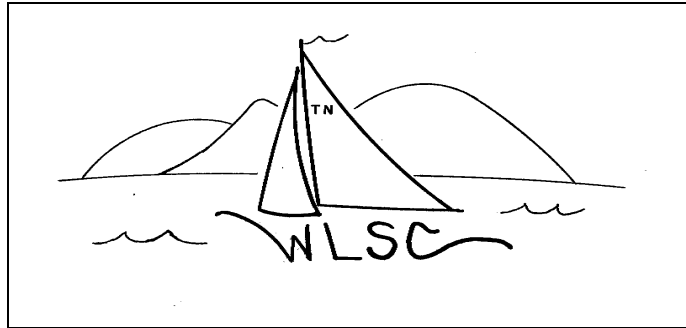


# THE JIB SHEET

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**Lake Weather:** <http://www.booneweather.com/Current+Conditions/Watauga+Lake>  
**Lake Level:** 800-238-2264. 1 for lake levels and 02 for Watauga Lake.

*The 2009 WLSC Schedule is included with this Jib Sheet*

## Frostbite Race Report

The annual January 1st Frostbite Race was a great success. There were 13 boats and 58 people at the race/party. What a great day for the event and lots of food! It was hard to move around the dock with all the people, but brought the club "closer."

Special thanks to Sandra for help coordinating the event; Gayle and Russ for providing & cooking fresh oysters; John and Billie for placing marks; Bill and Adair for helping with the cooking; Mark G. for providing the shrimp; Sue, Chris, Clarke, and Minta for pictures; and Todd and Tami for promoting the event.

Lakeshore Marina supplied \$200 gift certificates to the top 4 boats. Be sure to tell them thanks when you go by the marina. 1st-Kevin Donovan and crew, 2nd-John Middaugh and crew; 3rd-James Little and crew, 4th-Wayne Catoe and crew (see winners picture below and at [http://littledomain.com/wlsc/2009\\_frostbite/IMG\\_2400](http://littledomain.com/wlsc/2009_frostbite/IMG_2400)).



1st Kevin Donovan and crew (winners awarded funny looking hats); 2nd John Middaugh and Crew, 3rd James Little and Crew; 4th Wayne Catoe and Crew

Take a look at the WLSC album: [http://littledomain.com/wlsc/2009\\_frostbite](http://littledomain.com/wlsc/2009_frostbite)

***And check out this publicity!***

Johnson City Press Videos (2) at <http://www.johnsoncitypress.com/Video.php>

Jan 1st JC Press Article: <http://www.johnsoncitypress.com/Detail.php?Cat=LOCALNEWS&ID=66419>

Dec 31 JC Press Article: <http://www.johnsoncitypress.com/Detail.php?Cat=LOCALNEWS&ID=66392>

## **Blahs Party Photos**

In addition to the annual Frostbite Race, the Winter Blues/Blahs Party kicked off the season on Saturday, February 21<sup>st</sup> in Banner Elk. If you missed the party, don't miss the pictures: <http://littledomain.com/wlsc/album109>

## **Lake Level and Weather Information**

As the water rises (yeah!), sailors should keep in mind the bridge clearance for some of our bigger boats: The Butler Bridge measured height has a little error, somewhere between 2001-2002 feet at middle, about 7-8 ft higher if you hug the south end of the bridge. As everyone has noticed, it always looks like you will hit the bridge as you start to pass under it! Don't forget to allow for your windex/antennae in calculating your mast height!

If you want the lake level while out on the lake, call 800-238-2264, then 1 for lake levels, and 02 for Watauga Lake.

Also, here is a favorite lake weather link for many club members:

<http://www.booneweather.com/Current+Conditions/Watauga+Lake>

*The weather link and phone number above are now included at the top of each Jibsheets.*

## **Upcoming Club Saltwater Trips**

Salt water cruise in the Chesapeake, June 15-21. Contact Jeff Arnfield for trip details.

BVI trip, June 13-21. Contact James Little or Dave Bryson for details.

## **Bath House Update**

Thanks to a lot of work by many dedicated folk, the bath house is shaping up to be one of the nicest structures on the lake (except that it can't move around using only the wind). In an effort to increase opportunities for members to help complete it, we have moved the spring race series dates to Sunday, so that we can retain Saturday as the standard work day. The best 'guesstimate' we have on a completion date is 10-12 more working days if we sub out the tile work as is being discussed. Please do your part helping to finish this project- it will be enjoyed by all!

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

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

## ***And a Couple More Officer Bios!***

### **Commodore Kevin Donovan**

Boone, NC, Hunter 26, *Virginia*

Kevin and Jennie Donovan have been married 29 years and reside in Boone, NC. Their children Katie and Eric are 26 and 23. In their own words: "We started sailing when we hit the empty nest. We were sitting on the beach at Watauga Point watching the sailboats and decided that we didn't want to sit on the sidelines- this was something to try. Bought our first boat – a Catalina 22 in May 2003 on S. Holston Lake, had intensive lessons from the boats previous owner and my first of many sailing mentors. Brought the boat to Boone- painted the bottom, moved it to Lakeshore, and started learning. Bought my second boat, a Hunter 26.5 in Sept. 2005 to make camping a little more comfortable, and started seriously spending money. A full blown bottom job, new sails, new running rigging, new roller furler, and the former "Mountain Breeze", now named the "Virginia" has proved to be a fast boat. Have also learned from the Clarke Lucas school of racing. My first race with Clarke aboard "My Love 2", I was instructed to do anything I was told to do, plus anything that Clarke forgot to do. Have enjoyed all of the companionship and ongoing lessons and instructions from everyone on the dock. Builder, developer, realtor, owner of Celtic Building co. Inc. since 1986."

### **Cruise Captains Bill and Adair Murdoch**

Kingsport, TN, Tanzer 22, *Canary* and Pacific Seacraft Crealock 34, *Irish Eyes*

Bill and Adair grew up together, began dating in high school, and after college married and moved to Kingsport where Bill worked as a chemical engineer and Adair as an insurance agent. They bought their first boat, a Flying Fish, which they still own. Since then they have owned a motley collection of motor and sail boats including Canary, a Tanzer 22 on Watauga Lake, and Irish Eyes, a Pacific Seacraft Crealock 34 now in the Bahamas. They have two grown, married daughters, two sons-in law, and three grandchildren.

When Vice Commodore sometime in the mid-80's, Bill realized that while the Commodore's office had weighty responsibilities, the Vice Commodore had none. To remedy this discrepancy he instituted the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Pig Roast which was first held on Sandy Beach across the lake from the Lakeshore Marina. It was such a success he and Adair have continued to host the annual event (with a five year hiatus when they lived in England) to this day. While the site has moved from Sandy Beach to a point nearer the Observation Point boat launch, to Pine Island beyond the bridge, and now to the point nearest the marina; the menu and format have remained constant.

From time to time Bill has been Commodore, Vice Commodore, Race Captain, Cruise Captain, and Club Secretary. Adair has most often been the one to put together the innumerable Dock Feasts dishing our fired fish, chicken, hamburgers, steaks, shish kabobs, and frogmore stew with equal flourish.

Currently, the two are in the Exuma Islands of the central Bahamas. Adair, the English major, writes a weekly (or so) blog of their travels. Check it out:

<http://irish-eyes-to-the-bahamas.blogspot.com>

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

Dues were due January 1, 2009: \$15 a year family dues for current members and \$25 for new members. Your name may have missed the 2009 directory and 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.

## 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)

**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.

**Ratty's Boat Works:** Restoration, repair, renovation by Lowell "Ratty" Shipe. Fiberglass work, wood construction, brightwork, custom joinery. Experience with sail, power or oared vessels. Complete woodworking and fiberglass repair; Repairs performed on the hard, in the shop or on the water. (336) 385-1498 or [shipe@skybest.com](mailto:shipe@skybest.com)

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## 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 [toddswifty@gmail.com](mailto:toddswifty@gmail.com)

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

*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 [toddswifty@gmail.com](mailto:toddswifty@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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