

## OCBC GETS NOD TO HOST MAJOR JUNIOR WOMEN'S SAILING EVENT

On Friday, February 7, 2014, Oklahoma City Boat Club was notified by U.S. Sailing that it has been selected to host the 2015 U.S. Junior Women's Doublehanded Championship for the Ida Lewis Trophy. The event will take place sometime during June, 2015. Competitors will be young women, age 13 to 18, who are U.S. citizens and members of U.S. Sailing.

Two events are hosted by the U.S. Junior Women's Championships Committee each year: A Singlehanded and a Doublehanded Championship. The two championship regattas consist of a mix of clinic days, taught by coaches provided by U.S. Sailing, and racing days.

Support for the U.S. Junior Women's Championships and clinics is made possible by funds

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*Photo from 2009 Ida Lewis Regatta. More photos on pg. 12*

as the heroic daughter of a lighthouse keeper. Funding provided by the Trust is intended for the purpose of encouraging young American women to fully develop their sailing skills and sportsman-like conduct by creating opportunities for them to participate in National level competition guided by high caliber coaching.

The initial Singlehanded event, started by Tom Clagett in 1980 in Newport, RI, was sailed in Laser Radials. In 1985, U.S. Sailing, formerly USYRU, agreed to support the event, and in 1986, the competition became the U.S. Junior Women's Singlehanded Championship for the Nancy Leiter Clagett Memorial Trophy.

Because it became apparent that a second championship in a Doublehanded boat was needed to compliment the Singlehanded competition, the U.S. Junior Women's Doublehanded Championship for the Ida Lewis Trophy was started in

1995. The competition became a U.S. Sailing National Championship event in 1996 which was sailed in 420s.

This will be the second time OCBC has been chosen to host the Ida Lewis: the first time was in 2000, when Chris Towles and Francis Beling were designated as first and second chairs, respectively.

Rear Commodore Francis Beling reported that he was directly notified by the U.S. Junior Women's Championships Committee Chair, Ellen Donnelly, that the Committee voted unanimously to approve OCBC to host this regatta. He further stated that the honor of securing this prestigious event is directly attributable, largely, to the efforts of Gary Sander.

<u>Calendar</u>	
2/2 Sunday Education Series	
2/2 Super Bowl Party	
2/3 HRC Meeting	
2/4 Ballroom Dancing	
2/5 Wed. Education Series	
2/6 BOG Meeting	
2/13 General Membership Meeting	
2/14 Handicap Fleet Meeting	
2/16 Sunday Edu. Series	
2/19 Ballroom Dancing	
2/19 Wed. Edu. Series	
2/20 Ladies' Movie Night	
2/23 Sunday Edu. Series	
2/23 All Catalina Fleet Mtg.	
2/24 Planning Committee	
2/25 Ballroom Dancing	
2/26 Wed. Edu. Series	
2/27 Lighthouse Meeting	
3/4 Ballroom Dancing	
3/6 BOG Meeting	
3/8 Mardi Gras Party	
3/11 Ballroom Dancing	
3/15 St. Patrick's Day Party	

## Commodore's Report



With the colder weather and the lower lake level there has been few opportunities to going sailing. This is when our Entertainment Chair John Harrod starts to earn his wages, oh I forget we do not get

paid for the work we do around the club. Anyway John has been doing a great job keeping us entertained with the parties we have had so far. The Chili Cook-off was a huge success, unfortunately I was unable to make it this year due to getting called in to work.

The other chair person that has been working hard for us is the Education Chair, Kevin Mott. Kevin has a whole line

of educational programs and training lined out for this season. He has a Wednesday night program and the traditional Sunday series programs. He is also working on a new "Crew Training" program that most of us can take advantage of when sailing season resumes. Hopefully we will have a pool of trained crew, or at least somewhat knowledgeable crew, to call upon in the future.

I would like to remind everyone we will be voting on the proposal the BOG put forth at the last general membership meeting. There are several items that need our immediate attention. First is the front gate concrete pad which is starting to break up from all the traffic. We have already had to install a temporary electric eye for the gate to continue to operate due to the loss of the safety loop. Second is the "OCBC beautification project", which the Rear Commodore is heading up this year. It will consist of the continued cleaning up of the grounds, painting (hoists, front gate, etc.), and some land-

scaping & signage (markers for the dry slips). Third is to replace some of the appliances and fixtures around the club, such as the drinking fountain, the freezer that quit working, and replace the heat & air unit in the board room.

The following proposal will be presented for voting at the general membership meeting.

Carl B.

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OCBC Commodore 2014

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## PROPOSAL

### Front Gate and Other Costly Repairs and Improvements For OCBC

- Front gate repair work, concrete work and safety loops: \$6,000
- Drinking fountain, replacement: \$1,000
- Air conditioner/heater for board room: \$400
- Paint for hoists and front gate: \$500
- OCBC Beautification project to include landscaping: \$2,000
- Signage and posts for dry slip numbers in keel and centerboard lots: \$2,000
- Run electric to the weather tower for Wi-Fi and Wi-Fi equipment: \$1,500

## Vice Commodore's Report



The Planning Committee had its first meeting on January 6<sup>th</sup>. Members Joel Males, Karl Benzer, Stan Nieves, and I reviewed the Master Plan list of potential projects. The list was cleaned up, organized and prioritized. The next

Planning Committee meeting will be held on Monday, February 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:00. This meeting will be an open meeting. All interested club members are invited to attend and submit your wish list for the future development of the Oklahoma City Boat Club.

We had a chair work party on Tuesday, January 14<sup>th</sup> from 9:30 until noon. We had a great turnout – many thanks to the following participants: Steve Bryant, Lanny David, Van Downing, Liz Eagan, Charlie Laurence, Gene McClendon, Marvin Mason, Lori Meyer, Steve Meyer, David Newlyn, Rudy Nieves, Don Steeber, John Walters, Ginny Green, Gay McMillan, and Bill McMillan. A total of 19 chairs have been sanded, painted and re-strapped! We need to paint more chairs before we can move forward. If anyone has a shop where we could paint several chairs, please contact me. It's too cold for us to paint them outside.

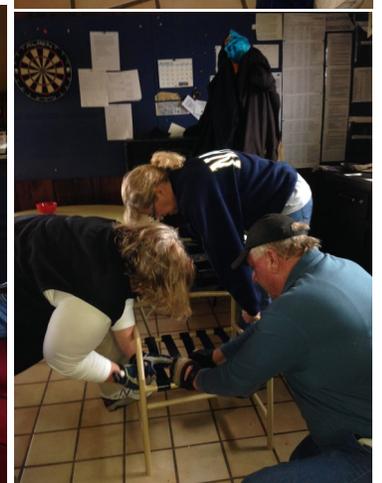
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Vice Commodore  
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### CHAIR WORK PARTY

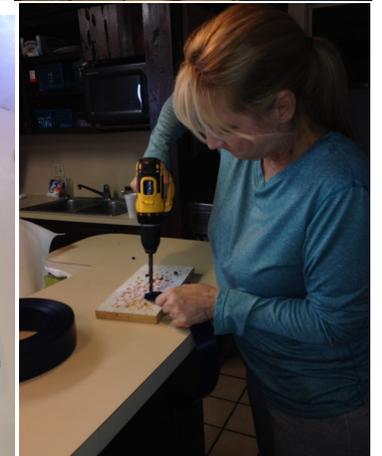
If you haven't attended a chair work party, put this on your list of things to do. One cannot appreciate the work involved in affixing new straps to the chairs. The process goes as follows:

- Straps must be boiled for 20 minutes to soften them enough to be stretched onto the chair frame. You have TWO MINUTES to complete the strap or the elasticity disappears and you have to put the strap back in the boil pot and start over.
- One person has to hold the "start" end of the strap, another pulls it through, stretches it and wraps the end of the strap around the chair frame, while a third person holds the chair still.

It takes THREE people per chair, very strong people, I might add. Ginny and Marvin had the best job, that being sitting on the completed chair seat to stabilize the chairs while two other people strapped the chair back. Seeing the following photos will give you an idea of what is involved.



Staff Photos



# Rear Commodore's Report



Francis Beling  
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## Hot off the Press ..... "Extra Extra, Special Edition"

The Oklahoma City Boat Club has been accepted to be the host club for the 2015 U.S. Junior Women's Doublehanded Championship for the Ida Lewis Trophy.

This is a huge compliment to our club as we competed against all the sailing clubs in the central part of the USA for this competition. Every one of you should be very proud to be a member of the Oklahoma City Boat Club. We are very excited and will discuss this further at the membership meeting on Thursday, Feb 13.

## Dry Slips:

My sincere thanks to all of those boat club members that have cleaned up their dry slips. They look a lot better compared to a few months ago.

**Centerboard dry slip lot** – I have ordered the signs (numbers) so that we can replace the old numbers and have some sense as to where the slips are. I also ordered numbers that go further to the west to capture the extension of the centerboard lot towards the beach at the west end.

**OCBC Beautification** – I had a Master Gardener from Oklahoma County Master Gardeners take a look at the boat club grounds and discuss future plants to give the grounds some character. Prior to the membership meeting, I will email to all a .pdf form of some of the plants we plan on using throughout the premises to give it a small face lift. I ask the membership to please VOTE YES and approve the funds the board has requested so we can accomplish the tasks we need to do. You have a hard working board that is composed of volunteers (no pay, no benefits, only problems and hassles).

We need volunteers to help plant and water these plants and trees for the first year. Once they are established they should look after themselves to a fair degree as we have chosen hardy, drought-tolerant perennials. We will also be planting some trees facing the parking lot on the

north side of the clubhouse to replace the old decaying trees. Some of these will have to be cut down as only one side of the tree is alive.

**OBJECTIVE** – When people drive by the clubhouse and the club grounds, we want them to appreciate the beauty of our grounds. This is the effect we would like to have with your approval of the requested funds ..... **Please Vote Yes.**

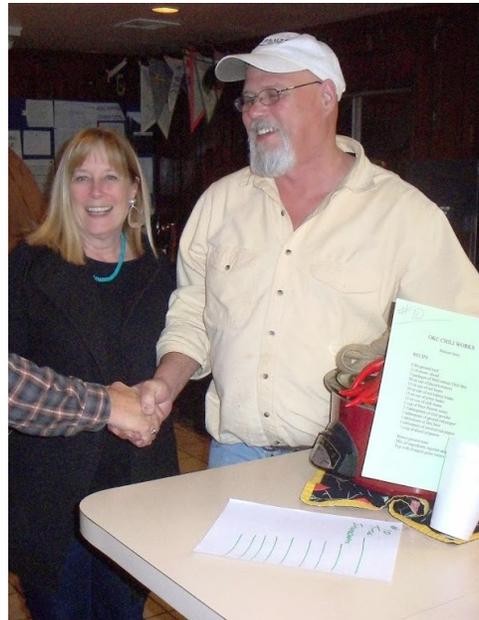
**Chili Cook-off** – My hat goes off to the people that brought all those fantastic dishes and a special thank-you to the person that planned it— John Harrod. Without people like John and his team we could not have accomplished this feat. The turnout was fantastic and the chili was excellent.

**New boats brought to the Oklahoma City Boat Club grounds** – Every new boat being brought into the boat club property needs approval by the Rear Commodore. Once being notified you will be assigned a dry slip (if available) and a wet slip (if available). Please do not bring in boats and just park them anywhere.

**\*\*\*\* If you find an empty dry slip, please do not move anything into it – as we are trying to free up some dry slips.\*\*\*\* This is very important ..... Please make note!!**



Photo Credit: John Walters



Winners: Mike Kelly & Georgia & Roy Cooper

## Handicap Rating Committee

Tony Fuller, Chair  
 drvrdad@swbell.net



In preparation for this year's race season, our committee met in December and February to do our pre-race season business. This included reviewing last season's race results to identify any needed PHRF rating changes and updating our Bylaws.

The 2014 Valid PHRF numbers should be posted on the club's website, under Handicapping, by mid-March. The current Bylaws now cover the Performance Handicap Racing Fleet (PHRF) rating system for keelboats and the Portsmouth Yardstick rating system for centerboards and multihulls; and, they were approved by the Board of Governors at their February meeting. The new Bylaws, dated February 6, 2014, will be posted on the website and will be in the 2014 roster.

For our PHRF keelboat owners who have roller furling:

Per the previous Bylaws dated March 1, 2012, boats that are not manufactured with roller furling as standard equipment were granted a +6 adjustment to their base handicap number for having an "Above deck roller furler, drum in place, sail reefable/furlable."

As a result of studying this, including consultation with US SAILING PHRF National Chair and Vice Chair, we have determined a "one size fits all" adjustment does not equate to a fair adjustment. The new adjustments are summarized here. The full restriction explanations are in the new Bylaws.

For a +6 adjustment, the boat must use only a single headsail while racing and used as the primary racing headsail. It must have a UV leech cover and it must be stored on the headstay when the boat is not racing or sailing. No exotic sail materials are allowed. For a +3 adjustment, the boat may use two sails, a storm jib less than 111% and a jib up to 155%, while racing. The up to 155% sail must be used as the primary sail and no exotic sail materials are allowed. Boats that want to use any headsail without restriction (equal to or less than 155%) and boats manufactured with roller furling as standard equipment are not entitled to an adjustment.

Owners of keelboats in the PHRF fleet that may be affected by the new roller furler adjustments will be contacted by email to determine if their boat's rating is affected and, if so, by what amount.

Owners of PHRF-rated keelboats are reminded they are **obligated** to inform our committee of any changes made to improve the performance of their boat since they received their rating. And, all keelboats racing in OCBC racing events must have a PHRF rating to avoid not being scored and instead recorded as No Handicap Rating (NHR). Request for Rating Certificates are available on the club bulletin board as well as on the club's website. These should be completed and placed either in the "completed certificate folder" on the club bulletin board, or sent via email to [drvrdad@swbell.net](mailto:drvrdad@swbell.net). Please do not place your request form in the club office mail slot. It may or may not make it to our committee.

In closing, the Bylaws, using input from US SAILING, includes the definition of a "Sport Boat." Examples are the Melges 20 & 24, the Ultimate 20 and the VX-One. The Bylaws also note the PHRF rating system does not compensate for a boat's performance under varying wind speeds; so, boats designed to plane or surf, like sport boats, can have an advantage over conventional keelboats in most wind conditions. This is usually addressed by separately fleet and scoring conventional keelboats and sport boats.



*Photo credit: Tony Fuller  
 Undated photo obtained from Internet*



## YOUTH SAILING PROGRAM

The Youth Sailing Committee is currently looking for a new head coach for 2014. The Committee is seeking members who would be interested in housing the new coach from May until October. Do you have a spare room for the coach?

The coach will need to pass a background check and be US Sailing Level 1 certified with current CPR, First Aid and Boater Safety Training.

If interested please contact Ric Drennen at

[rdrennen@gmail.com](mailto:rdrennen@gmail.com)

Having a top notch youth sailing program will benefit the overall longevity of the Oklahoma City Boat club by providing a source of good racers and passing the interest and love of sailing on to the next generation.



*File Photos*



*Photo credit: Bruce McDermott*



## BOG APPROVES YOUNG WOMEN FOR INSTRUCTOR TRAINING

OCBC is sending two products of our Youth Program, Courtney Harlan and Alexa Wallace, to the Spring, 2014 U.S. Sailing Level 1 Instructor Course. The event will be held Thursday, June 5 through Sunday, June 8 at Lake Thunderbird Boathouse, Norman, Oklahoma. This intensive training program will consist of a four-day, 40-hour course which includes in the curriculum teaching sailing to beginners, as well as segments on sports psychology, lesson-planning, and on-the-water teaching techniques. Upon completion of the course, participants will be awarded a U.S. Sailing Certification designating them as a qualified Level 1 Instructor. A prerequisite for enrollment in the training is completion of the NASBLA Motorboat Safety Course.

Once achieving Level 1 Certification, Alexa and Courtney will, no doubt, enhance themselves, even more, as invaluable assets to OCBC's Youth Program, or to any sailing program they may choose. Congratulations, ladies!



## Oklahoma City Boat Club Youth Sailing Head Coach Position

The Head Coach / Sailing Director working closely with the Youth Sailing Committee and supporting their work with the OCBC Board to meet the needs of the Club and program participants. Responsible for developing, planning, scheduling, and leading sailing education programs for the Oklahoma City Boat Club Youth Sailing Program and ensuring all rules, regulations, laws, guidelines, and procedures are adhered to at all times. Significant commitment to the OCBC Sailing Community is a key role of this position. This position is being offered to an independent contractor for the 2014 sailing season.

### Primary Accountabilities:

- . Training, evaluating & leading an enthusiastic and motivated team of instructors and coaches
- . Continuously improving program curriculum to meet the diverse abilities and interests of our sailors
- . Managing and maintaining our fleet of race/instruction/coach boats so that they stay competitive, safe and in top condition
- . Working with the OCBC Youth Committee and other stakeholders to develop an enthusiastic and growing OCBC community of sailors, instructors and volunteers which will ensure the success of our nonprofit organization for years to come.

### Indicators of Success:

- . Parent satisfaction rating above 95%
- . High sailor retention rate
- . Year-to- year increases in sailor attendance
- . Low occurrence of safety and on-the-water incidents
- . Instructional staff is hired and in-place one month before season begins
- . Conducts regular/proactive communication with parents/BOG/and other stakeholders of the organization
- . Condition of the fleet maintained and ideally improved by the end of each season

### Qualifications:

- . 2 year experience managing a program of similar size and budget
- . Energetic, friendly, approachable and able to relate well with both children and adults
- . Outstanding organizational and communication skills
- . Strong background in dinghy to keelboat, youth, high school and/or collegiate sailing programs
- . US Sailing Level 1 certification with current CPR, first aid, and boater safety training required
- . Successful results of a background check
- . 3 references

### Compensation:

- . \$700/week plus accommodation for non-local resident

Rate will depend on experience and qualifications. All Applicants will be considered.



Kevin Mott, Chair  
OCBC Education  
Series:  
Every Wednesday  
and Sunday  
Wednesday topics  
subject to change as  
presenters become  
available.  
Contact Kevin if  
you wish to make a  
presentation.

# OCBC EDUCATION SERIES SCHEDULE

DAY	DATE/TIME	TOPIC/PRESENTER
Wednesday	2/5/14 7PM	Basic Knots—K. Mott
Sunday	2/9/14 2PM	Water Safety/Crew in the water—Scuba Bros.
Wednesday	2/12/14 7PM	How to raise your IHRF number 30 points without bribing the Committee—K. Mott
Sunday	2/16/14 2PM	Racing Rules of Sailing—R. Mallinson
Wednesday	2/19/14 7PM	Basic Racing
Sunday	2/23/14 2PM	Racing from the RC perspective—S. Meyer
Wednesday	2/26/14 7PM	Regatta Preparation



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## OCBC EDUCATION SERIES

Kevin Mott chairs the education series which provides a seminar every Wednesday evening and Sunday afternoon.

Please refer to the schedule above for topics.

Contact Kevin if you wish to make a presentation.



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## OCBC HISTORY

*“Those who don’t study history are doomed to repeat it. Yet, those who DO study history are doomed to stand by helplessly while everyone else repeats it.” ...Oklahoma’s Nursing Times, January 6, 2014*



... about 80 years ago

Standing on the bow of what appears to be an “A” Scow is future commodore WL “Pete” Overholser. This photograph was probably shot in the mid 1930’s when the predecessor to OCBC was known as the Oklahoma City Yacht Club and was located on the shore of Lake Overholser. The club was chartered as The Oklahoma City Boat Club in 1944 and moved to its current location shortly after. Overholser served two consecutive terms as commodore in 1964 and 1965. ~ Bruce McDermott – Club Historian

**Quote of the Month:**

The effect of sailing is produced by a judicious arrangement of the sails to the direction of the wind — William Falconer



*Quote of the month and accompanying photos are submitted by Cindy Friedeman, OCBC Public Relations*

*Photo Credit: Cindy Friedemann*



MEMBER OF THE MONTH FOR  
DECEMBER, 2013



KELLY COLE

A great big thank you to Kelly for taking charge of the Kids' Christmas Party, and what a success it was! Kelly, with assistance from many OCBC member helpers, set up craft tables, cookie decorating, and photos with Santa.

THANK YOU, KELLY!!!

*From the  
Dictionary for Landlubbers*

*Submitted by: John Barnett*

EQUATOR: A line circling the Earth at a point equidistant from both poles which separates the oceans into the North Danger Zone and the South Danger Zone.



**PAT WHITE "ERROR IN  
JUDGMENT in  
Perpetuity" Awards:**

Roy Bruner received the Error in Judgment trophy for December! This is the third consecutive month for Roy!



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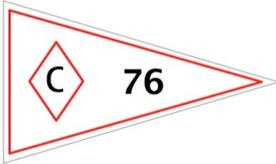
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## FLEET REPORTS

### Catalina Fleet 76 Fleet Captain: Larry Walters

Members of Catalina Fleet 76 met at OCBC for their regularly scheduled monthly meeting. The fleet's treasury provided lasagna and attendees provided a selection of salads, breads, and desserts. So, another well attended fleet activity that had excellent participation.

Fleet captain Larry Walters announced that annual dues would be kept at \$10, and received immediate applause and "yahoos & yehaas". Also, monthly meetings are planned, and will continue to be held at OCBC on the 4th Sunday beginning @ 1800 hours (unless otherwise announced). Presently, we have 22 paid



up members.

In other discussions, it was noted that "on the water" participation by the fleet's 25s was fairly good, and that the 27s were hopeful of increasing their activity. That led to an immediate notation that any participation would require sufficient water level - so, not much discussion about that. The racing interest of the Capri 22s is encouraging, and suggests that they will be able to "fleet up" for this year's regularly scheduled Wednesday or Sunday racing activities.

However, individual Catalina 22 member participation in organized "on the water" activities is noticeably lacking. There are 24 addressees on the Catalina 22 email list (OCBC and OKC Lake Hefner); of these, there are 14 C22s at OCBC.

When the weather improves enough to perform routine and replacement maintenance, the fleet will sponsor for C22ers some DIY maintenance activities in an effort to promote interaction among them for fleet building camaraderie. Maintenance topics include swing keel cable replacement, standing rigging adjustment, engine tuning, etc. Other topics for group development were along the lines of an Introduction to Racing for Adults that would include short discussions followed by on the water practicing. Subjects mentioned were start line techniques, mark rounding, right of way, RRS, communications, sail trim, etc.

It seems fairly ambitious, but if the expressed interest can be realized, additional racing activity and participation will be developed and expanded.

**Flying Scot 191: Fleet Captain: Ty Eby**

**Soling: Fleet Captain:**

**Santana 20: Fleet Captain:**

**San Juan 21: Fleet Captain: Dan Camp**

**Handicap: Fleet Captain: Don Steeber**

**Laser: Fleet Captain:**

**Melges: Fleet Captain:**

**J-22: Fleet Captain: Scott Greenawalt**

**J-24: Fleet Captain**

**Level 170: Fleet Captain:**

**VX One: Fleet Captain:**

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# PHOTOS FROM AROUND TOWN, THE LAKE, AND OCBC



13 degrees and windy. The only thing the Red Carpet personnel could do was to make this lovely snow sculpture. 2/5/2014  
Staff Photo



Catching wounded Ducky at OCBC. Credit: J. Walters



Dr. Brinker taking "Ducky" to Wild Care Rescue; Credit: J. Walters



OCBC Boat Ramp, 23 degrees 2/7/14

Staff Photo



Beer Meisters starting the brewing process for the upcoming Home Brewing contest. 1/25/2014

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PELICANS at OCBC 1/25/2014

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Sparrows are investigating the Purple Martin Houses at OCBC

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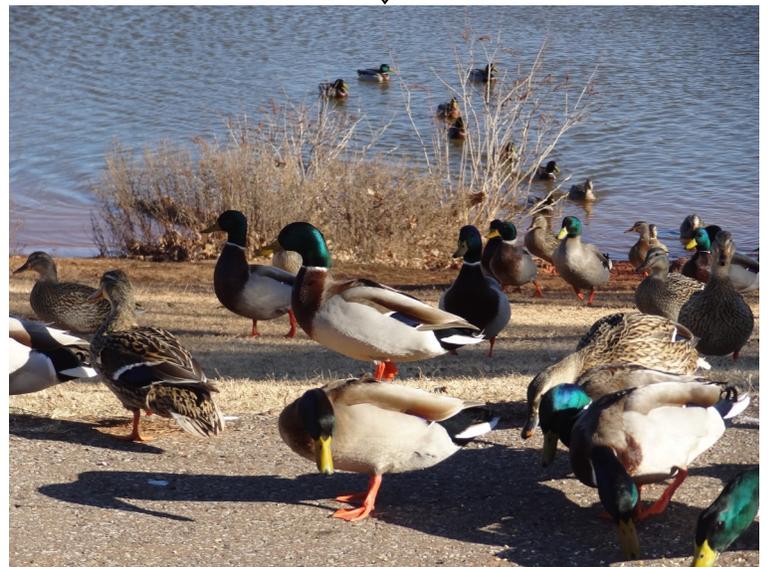
Hoist and lake iced over, 23 degrees 2/7/14

Staff Photo



Our neighbors to the north, seagulls being fed at Lake Hefner, near Louie's on the Lake

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Mallards and ducks at Kid's Lake, Hefner

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## PROVISIONALS INTRODUCED JANUARY 9, 2014



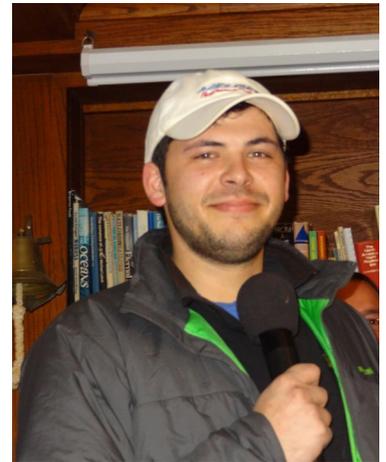
Charles Laurence



Wade Ferguson



Jeff Stoabs



Chris Holman

### ***THE TRADING PAGE***

**For Sale:** 1989 J22 #916. Race ready with all required racing equipment, includes trailer. Two complete sets of sails. \$10,500. Please Contact Greg Thomas. 405-203-4795; Gregory.thomas01@gmail.com<sup>3</sup>

**For Sale:** Carry-on air conditioner, works well and blows cold air \$250. Call Billy Pratt. 405-706-4941.<sup>3</sup>

**For Sale:** Two-owner 1983 AMF Alcort Sunfish: The boat is white hulled with blue stripes described in the literature as a Gulfstreamer. Mahogany rudder and centerboard in nice condition. New Dacron sail from South Sails in Florida around 2004. The boat has been out three times since getting the sail. Also has storage bag for mast, rigging and sail purchased when new sail was bought. All rigging, sail, mast, rudder and centerboard have been stored indoors since the boat was purchased new. Trailer included in purchase price. \$700,

Larry Teel: larry.teel@sbcglobal.net; 405-641-5653<sup>3</sup>

**For Sale:** Laser complete mast and boom, \$150; Laser rudder, \$100; Laser sail, \$60; \$300 will buy all of the above with all of the laser parts. I have that including a bailer, vang, and a box of small parts. Dave Brinker, 722-7480; Cell, 802-1886<sup>1</sup>

**For Sale:** 14' scow with retractable aluminum lee boards that is rigged like a laser and will use laser parts. Has rudder, mast, boom, three sails and trailer. The sails are sleeved and of different sizes for different conditions. Very fast, very stable, \$400. Dave Brinker, 722-7480; Cell, 802-1886.<sup>1</sup>



## Catalina 22 for Sale



**Price—\$5,000**

**Year** – 1985. Swing keel, Pop up cabin, adjustable back stay, Life lines

**Mast**—New 2001

**Engine**—1987 8 HP Evinrude—serviced every year. Runs very well.

**Sails** – Pair of racing sails, pair of cruising sails, Genoa and Spinnaker and one extra main sail bought in 2000.

**Lines** – New Halyards, New Main Sheet, Jib Sheet- all lead to the cockpit

**Trailer** – Trail Rite Road trailer with working lights

**Misc. items included:** Anchor, Knot meter, Compass, Traveler, Boat cover, Tiller Extension, Tiller cover, Porta Potty, Winch handle, Whisker pole

**Contact—Francis Beling 405-833-9297**

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**EDITOR'S LOGGE:**

Although winter's cold siege has, for now, thwarted sailing activity at OCBC, there are signs of thawing out and harbingers of spring are in the offing: sightings of a flock of *genus pelecanus* fishing in our harbor, other avian stirrings in the martin houses, green sprouts cautiously peaking their heads up from the snowscape on the bocce court (which at times has looked like a venue at Sochi) as if hoping Punxsutawney Phil's prediction on Groundhog Day, February 2nd, that there will be six more weeks of winter, would be illusory (historically, he's been wrong 60 percent of the time!). Later that day, Phil's pessimism was muted by the boisterous proclamation, that Spring had already arrived, made by another avian group, the Seattle Seahawks.

Club members are certainly not suffering from clubhouse cabin fever, judging by the hearty participation in a diversity of OCBC activities: chili cooking, chair-strapping, herb gardening, dock rebuilding, attending seminars on racing and cruising, home beer brewing, beer drinking, dry slip sprucing, watching the drubbing of Heat by Thunder, Obama by O'Reilly, and Broncos by Seahawks, dart throwing, popcorn popping, LCI planning, and preparation for sweetheart celebrating,

Indeed, there is much to celebrate besides our Valentines, not the least of which is OCBC being selected by U.S. Sailing, for the second time, to host the prestigious Ida Lewis Double-handed Championship during June, 2015.

Thus, while circumstances generally bode well for the club, it may be premature to rest on our laurels at a time when we are faced with the threat to our Youth Program of being without a coach. Our Youth Program is not only vital in building character and instilling the Corinthian competitive spirit in our young sailors, but it is also essential to the lifeblood of OCBC, inasmuch as today's youth will be tomorrow's club members and leaders. It is imperative, therefore, that each of us rises to the task of helping Ric Drennen find a new coach by exhausting all possible avenues of recruitment, such as identifying interested and eligible club members or relatives, scouring the community, the state, indeed, the nation, for qualified candidates and doing so through personal contacts, as well as by other means such as utilizing print media to get the word out for our search in classified sections of prominent publications, and in sailing magazines. A mass mailing to other sailing clubs across the country may also prove fruitful. We may need to start a recruiting fund to financially support such efforts.

Fleet captains are requested to identify themselves to the Editor by email, and are encouraged to submit informative fleet reports each month so as to familiarize the club with your members and activities. Using Larry Walters, and his fleet report this month, as a role model in this regard would be edifying. ....Keith Green

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The January issue stated incorrectly that the Harrods were December Members of the Month. They were actually the November Members of the Month.

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