

## DROUGHT WHETS SAILORS' ANGST ABOUT 2014 RACING SEASON

Nature's perennial threat, in the form of a dearth of water as winter begins to subside, is again compelling us to contemplate the possibility of a dramatic curtailment of our sailing season. Already, all races scheduled in March have been cancelled. Hopefully, the club will not be faced with a "Splashless" Day on April 26.

The lake, overall, is now approximately 7-feet below maximum elevation, which gives our harbor only about 5-6 feet of depth, except for the shoal at the west hoist, which is only around 4-feet deep at that level. Obviously, under these conditions, a boat with a 5-foot draft is at high risk of running aground. Many of our members have already pulled their boats out of the water, and those vessels that remain are in jeopardy of getting stuck in the mud.

The likelihood of getting anymore Canton Lake water releases in the foreseeable future is slim to none, since that lake is dangerously low, this according



Reminder of a recent dry season (2011) Credit: T.Fuller

to credible sources.

From March to June, with no spring water releases from Canton, historically, from 2008-2012, our lake elevation has increased three out of those five springs. The odds, thus, are in favor of spring rains during the next three months replenishing the water in the lake overall, and specifically in our harbor within the range of 2-4 feet.

We are not alone in the predicament of perhaps being adversely effect-

ed by drought. The *U.S. Drought Monitor* reported that almost half of the state was subjected to moderate drought by the end of January. Thirty years of shipping the biggest commodity out of Western Oklahoma by rail, namely, wheat, ended in 2012 because of drought. The *Oklahoma Mesonet* recently reported that there was less than a third of an inch of precipitation in January, making it one of the top ten driest Januarys in Oklahoma since 1895. Grain elevators and cotton gins are closing because of the fact that drought has plagued our state over the past three years. The agricultural industry infrastructure has, in significant measure, converted to an alternate industry, that of petroleum. Likewise, cattle producers have begun reducing the size of their herds and many are also transitioning from beef production to oil extraction or wind farming.

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Lake Hefner Lighthouse at sunset, 3/7/2014, Staff Photo

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- 4/3 BOG Meeting
- 4/5 Ladies' Luncheon
- 4/10 General Membership Mtg.
- 4/26 Splash Day
- 5/3 Cinco de Mayo Party

# Commodore's Report



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Well, we had somewhat of a normal meeting this month with not a lot of drama, finally. We had several presentations: First was from Bob Carroll with an overview of the club's insurance protection. Bob went over all the different policies and what they covered and how much. He pointed out that we may want to have the clubhouse reappraised or evaluated, he felt it may be a little low. The board agreed to have this looked into and adjust the policy as needed. The second was Steve Meyer with a proposal to change the bylaws.

## Proposed bylaws change:

### Article VIII - Committees

**Section 4. The RACE committee shall conduct the races, record the results of the races and submit same to the Regatta Committee for scoring.**

## Change to:

**Section 4. The RACE committee shall conduct the races, record the results of the races and shall be responsible for scoring all races.**

**Section 4. The Race Committee shall conduct races in accordance with the Racing Rules of Sailing.**

**Section 5. The REGATTA Committee shall be responsible for scoring of all races, shall maintain a record of all racing events, and shall perform any other acts customary to regatta committees.**

## Change to:

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**Posted 3/13/2014**

We have a big event this weekend, Sat March 15<sup>th</sup>. Bayless Kirtly will once again prepare his famous St. Patrick's Day feast. The menu includes Corned Beef and Cabbage, and all the extras. This event is always well attended so don't be late, it starts at 18:30. Don't forget to wear your green.

March is here and the lake level is falling. At present, there is less than four feet of water in the harbor at the west hoist. Any 4+-foot draft boat is probably stuck for the season. Lake Canton has no water to give. There will be no significant increase in water level until the spring rains. So.....time is quickly running out. Trailer your boats now or be stuck in the mud.

# Vice Commodore's Report

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Co-chairs for the Ida Lewis Regatta in 2015 were voted on and approved at the March Board of Governors Meeting. Thank you to Justin Howard and Frank Beling for accepting the responsibility. Many committees will begin to organize in the coming months. If you are asked to chair or serve as a member, please say yes! Or better yet, contact Justin or Frank offering your support wherever they need you. This is going to be a highly visible event and an opportunity for our club to shine. We know what an outstanding club we have, and it's good to remind the residents of Oklahoma and the national sailing community just how incredible OCBC is!

The Planning Committee met on Monday, February 24<sup>th</sup> at 18:00. This meeting was the open meeting for the membership. Thank you to everyone who took time from your busy schedules to attend. Club members in attendance were able to voice and submit their wish list for the future development of the Oklahoma City Boat Club. They were able to prioritize the Master Plan List of Projects. Repair of the west hoist and youth seawalls were unanimously selected as the number one project to be undertaken.

Chair strapping has been ordered and should arrive in the next week. As soon as it is cut into strips, ends mitered and holes drilled, we will have another chair work party. It would be nice to have the chairs completed by Splash Day.

## Rear Commodore's Report



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### PLANT BEAUTIFICATION OF THE BOAT CLUB PROPERTY

Many thanks to the following people for their financial support in sponsoring plants for the beautification project: Linda Bays, Shawn Smith, David Bryan, William Puffinbarger, Wade Ferguson, Jim Blakewell, Duane Dahlgren, Liz Eagan, Richard Lane, Dane Wiggins, Carl Stover, David Cheek, Steve Bryant, Chris Bayouth, Mark Bartusch, Frank Beling.

The planting project will be sometime toward the end of April so we miss all the freezes.

**DRY SLIPS:** My sincere thanks to all of those boat club members that have cleaned up their dry slips. It looks a lot better compared to a few months ago.

### CENTERBOARD WORK PARTY – March 22, 2014 9:00AM to 12:30 PM, with lunch to follow.

- Put stakes in the ground with new numbers
- Make sure all boats have current State Registration – “2014 or later”
- Weed eat all dry slips
- We will be moving boats around, so please be sure to BE THERE in case your boat needs to be moved
- Each boat owner should make sure their boat is tied down.
- Paint the concrete parking blocks in the parking lot yellow as the color is fading
- Paint the front gate
- May be a few more things

### KEEL BOAT WORK PARTY – March 29, 2014, 9:00AM to 12:30PM, with lunch to follow.

- Put stakes in the ground with new numbers
- Make sure all boats have current State Registration – “2014 or later”
- We will be moving boats around, so please BE SURE TO BE THERE in case your boat needs to be moved
- Each boat owner should MAKE SURE their boat is tied down
- Weed-eat all dry slips
- Paint both East and West hoists

- Clean out SW corner of utility trailers and broken boats – please bring your trucks with hitches to move things out! Please do not bring in any utility trailers – we do not need any for club use. We will have a large trailer to haul things out.

\*\*\* If there is a boat in an OCBC dry slip not owned by an OCBC member, please have the owner remove it\*\*\*. If we find a boat like this, it will be towed.

**Boats brought to the Oklahoma City Club grounds** – every 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!!

Thanks to all club members for turning off the lights when not using them and when leaving. We have seen a slight drop in our electric bill ..... Many thanks!!

### Sailors' Angst

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The paucity of precipitation harkens back to past years, particularly last year, when newspapers were replete with such headlines as, “water woes ebb, flow”, “drought may lead to tighter water restrictions for OKC”, “drought puts Lake Hefner boating season in jeopardy.”

Drought has compelled farmers and ranchers alike to become more adaptive in response to harsh weather conditions, as suggested above in the

descriptions of transitions into other industries.

Perhaps OCBC sailors will, likewise, have to become more adaptive in contending with prolonged weather conditions unfavorable to our sport. Some of our members have already shown such ingenuity. Our Educational Series was, in part, borne out of the motivation to advance our sport through didactic or tutorial means, given the scantiness of water last year. Kite-sailing may proliferate among some sailors, others may wish to try bareboat chartering in more favorable climes.

Go to a boat show and shop for a new boat! Our junior sailors, under conditions of extreme or ongoing drought, might be forced to hone their skills by being transported to other lakes.

What is important is that our spirits not be dampened by Mother Nature's unpredictable whims. We can take our cues from those Oklahomans in other walks of life who have discovered the invigorating benefits of adaptation.

## PLANNING COMMITTEE SEEKS INPUT FROM MEMBERS

On February 24, the Planning Committee held an open meeting designed to elicit ideas from the membership regarding potential future directions of the club. Those in attendance included Terry Parker, Francis Beiling, Joel Males, Stan Nieves, Robbin Phillips, Jeff and Sherry Burke, Gene McClendon, Karl Benzer, and Keith and Ginny Green.

The committee passed out a list of proposed projects, with instructions to rank order those projects in terms of which appear to be the most critical and most desired by club members. Following is the current list of proposed or possible projects.

Clubhouse—Air Conditioning of some type  
 Clubhouse—Add accordion divider, kitchen area  
 Clubhouse—Curtains/Window Tint/Shade  
 Clubhouse—Remodel/Rebuild  
 Dry Slips—Electricity to South Fence Slips  
 East End of Inner Harbor—Cleanup  
 Fencing—Replace (something to buffer sound from highway)  
 Floating Docks—West Hoist  
 Floating Docks—Youth Area  
 Gazebo—Point Area

Harbor—Dredge/Clean out  
 Hoist—Replacement/Revision  
 Metal Pavilion (Canopy) Youth Area—Replace  
 Paving—Parking Lot  
 Seawall—West Area  
 Seawall—Youth Area  
 Security—Cameras  
 Trophy Space—Increase  
 Waste Water Capture  
 Water—A Dock  
 Water—B Dock  
 Fence—East & South (people climbing over to obtain access to grounds)  
 Storm Windows

The Planning Committee holds an open meeting once a year to get feedback from club members on projects of vital significance to the club. Your input would, no doubt, be greatly appreciated by the committee.

You may also submit content on these or other issues you deem of club importance directly to the Ye Logge editor.

Additional viable projects mulled over in rumblings heard around the clubhouse, which members are passionate about, include the Beautification Project, developing an herb garden, dredging the shoal area at the West Hoist, and finding a coach for the Youth Sailing Program.

## SAVORY HERBS ON THE BREEZE



A few club members are plotting to take over a section of the flower beds and plant some good stuff—herbs, and lots of them! The garden will be located on the East side of the clubhouse. Liz Egan is doing the groundbreaking for this project. Look for the half of a ship's wheel spray-painted on the lawn.

Initially, culinary herbs—Rosemary, Parsley, Thyme, Oregano, Sage, Chives, Mint and Basil will be planted. Planting will begin after the last frost, estimated to be sometime between April 1—April 15.

Liz's green thumb will be joined and aided by perennial, tireless, and accomplished groundskeepers, Jack & Carol Woods, joined by Norm & Aileen Foster. Others who are helping in this endeavor include Gene McClendon, David Newlon and Marvin Mason. Entertainment Committee chairs, John & Marsha Harrod are already planning a late summer party which will highlight the bounty from our boat club-grown harvest.

If you want to help or if you are just interested in supporting the garden by buying a few herb plants, call or email Liz Egan. If you have extra supplies, such as edging material, large pots or benches, let her know.



## Handicap Rating Committee



Tony Fuller, Chair  
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We remind all keelboat owners that our racing season will be beginning soon and the scoring program needs a valid OCBC-Lake Hefner PHRF number to score your boat. Reasons boats may not have a valid rating could include:

1. You have not requested one for the boat you plan to race.
2. You have made changes to your boat that changes the information on your present certificate.

Owners needing a new certificate must complete the 1<sup>st</sup> page of the Rating Certificate and provide it to Tony Fuller, Handicap Rating

Committee Chair. Blank certificates are available on the Club website under the Handicapping Tab and on the Handicap section of the Bulletin Board in the clubhouse. The most convenient submittal is via email attachment to [drvrdad@swbell.net](mailto:drvrdad@swbell.net).



## US SAILING Leadership Conference in San Diego- Feb 2014



by Gary Sander

This Conference brought together over 600 sailors from all over the country. Many from the US SAILING Staff were there to organize and support the presenters and sponsors. For me, it was a great opportunity to renew old relationships and to meet the new folks on the staff that are there to serve us. Generally, when I go to one of these events, it is attended by about 75-100 folks, many of whom I have met over the past 30 years. This time I knew about 50, and there were over 500 new faces and personalities, mostly between 30-50. To me, this signals a new welcome spirit in our sport that has never been there before.

There were about fifty excellent workshops, with multiple presenters covering interesting programs such as Developing Club Programs, Marketing and Communications, Race and Regatta Issues, Growing our Sport and many other special interest topics. It was challenging to pick from the many topics of interest, but our flag officers gave me a priority list, which was helpful. In addition, well known celebrities like Gary Jobson, Dave Perry, Jim Clark and Ken Read shared insights into what is happening and where they see the sport going in the future.

I have about 30 pages of hand-written notes as reminders of the many interesting and useful comments made during the 3-day period. Here are a few of the most interesting comments:

**Gary Jobson-** Let's focus on making all aspects of the sport Fun. At the 600+ clubs he has visited over the years, there are always 6 old guys at the bar who disagree with any ideas that might show progress and change for their clubs.

Let's get away from windward-leeward courses.

**Ken Read-** My five recommendations for our clubs are: Encourage and foster the sport of sailing in all aspects. We don't have to be there all day.

Avoid windward/leeward courses. Get the boats out on the course and run them, even if the conditions and course are not perfect. Give back to the sport that we all love.

**Club Development and Long Range Planning-** Develop a strong membership by creating fun and unique club experiences, create traditions and memories, Reach out to the newer members and encourage their involvement, communicate regularly, but not too much. Create opportunities for open discussion and let the good vibrations flow. Allow the club to be a fun and attractive place to enjoy and share with your friends.

I could go on and on about input that I got on Race Management, Junior Sailing, Club Development, Risk Management, Using Social Media to promote club activities, How to sell Sponsorships, Technical Innovations available to us, but I will summarize these ideas and pass them on to our significant others for their consideration. I was very proud and thankful to represent OCBC at this prestigious event.

## OCBC Education Series Schedule

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.



DAY	DATE/TIME	TOPIC/PRESENTER
Sunday	3/9/14 2PM	Learn to love your outboard motor Kenneth Parker
Wednesday	3/12/14 7PM	TBA
Sunday	3/16/14 2PM	Weather safety and Nowcasting Pat Hyland, National Weather Service
Wednesday	3/19/14 7PM	TBA
Sunday	3/23/14 2PM	Hoist Operations, Jeff Burke
Wednesday	3/26/14	NO SEMINAR
Sunday	3/30/14	How to rig and repair your race boat Jim Alspaugh

## Entertainment Committee

John Harrod, Chair

Wow! Were you at the Mardi Gras party on Saturday night? The Handicap Fleet outdid themselves again. Just look at the smiles and grins on those with beads (See Photo Page). Everything from the decorations to the gumbo, the jalapeno corn bread to the homemade King cake was outstanding. Hats off to the entire fleet for a really outstanding event.

Now we look forward to our traditional, OCBC Saint Patrick's Day celebration, next weekend on March 15<sup>th</sup>. Come early to enjoy our member brewers' offerings of their craft. They have issued an invitation to our membership to come out and judge their grog. Of course a good brew is the preferred beverage to enjoy with Bayless' boat club favorite corned beef and cabbage. You do not want to miss this one!!

## UCO COMPETES IN TEAM RACE REGATTA

The University of Central Oklahoma Sailing Team competed in a "2 X 2 Team Race" Regatta on February 22. This regatta was hosted by SMU and Corinthian Sailing Club on White Rock Lake in Dallas and sailed in 420's.

In 2 x 2 team racing, one university sails two boats against another university in two boats. The goal is to win the match by finishing 1-2, 1-3, or 2-3...just don't have one of your team's boats finish last. This type of racing involves tactics from both fleet and match racing, and requires very good boat handling to be successful. Races are short and typically last about 12-15 minutes.

The UCO team had never participated in a team race regatta, so we really did not know what to expect. Our goals were to 1) have fun and 2) learn something about team racing. We watched team racing videos, discussed tactics, and thought about rule applications for about two hours a couple of days prior to the regatta. The team also enjoyed watching "Captain Ron" the night before the regatta.

Temperatures were in the mid-50's under sunny skies and winds were out of the south at 12-15 knots when racing began. Wind speed quickly increased to 18-24, with gusts approaching 30 knots during most of the day with the temperature gradually rising into the upper-60's. These conditions and the skill level shown by some of the sailors made for many exciting races for spectators and competitors alike.

The UCO sailing team did very well, especially considering this was their first time to participate in team racing, finishing a very respectable 5<sup>th</sup> overall out of 15 teams. The top three universities at this regatta were TAMU-Galveston, Texas A&M, and Texas. For all the Cowboy fans who are reading this, OSU finished seventh.

UCO is excited that spring may finally be arriving. It has been a long, cold winter and our practice days have numbered very few since mid-November. We plan to compete in three more collegiate regattas this semester in College Station, Galveston, and Austin before wrapping up the year at the Lakefest Charity Regatta on Lake Texoma in May.

Submitted by: David Bass



UCO SAILING TEAM AT SMU REGATTA

## PROVISIONAL MEMBERS JOINING IN MARCH

Eric Lunceford, sponsored by Terry Parker;

Derek Benda, sponsored by Jack Woods;

Cameron Dunn sponsored by Tony Fuller and James Dupre

**ALL THREE ARE CATALINA 25 OWNERS!!!**

Please look for these gentlemen and welcome them to the club!!!



## The 2014 Lighthouse Charity Regatta

### June 14th & 15th and the 21st and 22nd

Mark your calendars for BOTH WEEKENDS. The Centerboard Regatta will be June 14-15, the Keelboat Regatta will be June 21-22, followed by dinner and entertainment. A special treat this year is that the CHALLENGE CUP will be held on the Saturday of the Centerboard weekend, following the centerboard races.

This year's charity is the Angels Foster Family Network of OKC. The charity is chosen by a committee lead by the Past Commodore in which several potential beneficiaries are reviewed. The committee received considerable information and guidance from the Starkeys Foundation, then completed their own diligence and picked the one they felt best about.

Angels Foster Family Network OKC is a private foster child placing agency in Oklahoma County, rescuing children who have often been traumatized while living in emergency shelters or in a series of short-term foster homes after being abused, neglected, or abandoned by their parents. Angels is a non-profit organization completely funded by private philanthropy.



### The 2014 Lake Hefner Challenge Cup (LHCC)

**What is the LHCC?** The LHCC is a vehicle which enables OCBC members to combine the enjoyment of racing with the satisfaction of helping to raise funds for the Lighthouse Charity. This year, the charity we are supporting is Angels Foster Care Family Network.

**When is the LHCC?** June 14. Harbor gun is at 4:00PM. Includes three short triangle races. Non-spin. Dinner starts at 7:00PM and will be provided by the Hefner Grill. Music to follow.

**How do we raise money?** Each boat which enters must put up a minimum of \$500. Boats can recruit as many sponsors as they like and accumulate as much sponsorship money as they can.

**Who can participate?** Any sailboat 25-feet in length or longer is eligible.

**Who crews the boats?** This is up to the captain, although it's a good idea to bring your sponsors on board so they can enjoy the racing experience.

**Are there any awards?** Awards are given for: Regatta winners (1st, 2nd, and 3rd place); The boat which raises the most sponsor money; The boat with the most sponsors; and, The best-dressed crew.

### 2013 RESULTS:

In 2013, we raised \$16,000 in the Challenge Cup. Everyone had a great time. With a little help, 2014 could raise \$20,000!! The whole idea is to raise some money for a good cause—have a scrumptious meal—dance to some good music—and HAVE A GREAT TIME!! Enter your boat or help sponsor your favorite captain.

# YOUTH SAILING PROGRAM

**IT'S TOO COLD FOR SAILING, BUT HERE ARE SOME GOOD BOOKS TO READ:**

## ***Sailing the Dream: The Amazing True Story of the Teen Who Sailed Solo Around the World*** (Paperback)

by Mike Perham

Three thousand people have climbed Everest; four hundred and fifty have traveled into space. Only two hundred fifty have sailed round the world alone. The youngest of these was a teenager. When he set out on his attempt, Mike Perham was just sixteen years old.

At first, his mother was against the whole thing. The experts said it could be suicidal. The head of Britain's venerable Royal Yachting Association told him not to go. Mike Perham persevered, and in August 2009, at the age of just 17 years, 5 months, and 11 days, became the youngest person to have sailed solo around the world.

*Sailing the Dream* tells the story of that amazing voyage, a nine-month odyssey, full of technical and navigational challenges that would stump sailors twice Mike's age. His yacht was knocked over, battered by waves, and repeatedly damaged, but Mike battled on, at times surfing down 50-foot waves in 50-knot winds at speeds of up to 28 knots. Despite these conditions, and suffering from sleep deprivation and extreme physical exhaustion, Mike maintained a positive attitude. His cheerful resilience continually shines through as he describes his adventures and also talks about the team behind his trips, both when sailing round the world and in his earlier journey across the Atlantic at the age of fourteen, and the stresses and sacrifices involved for his family and friends.

Mike's achievement is placed in even sharper relief by another young sailor's more recent, failed attempt at solo circumnavigation that nearly ended in tragedy. *Sailing the Dream* is an inspirational, as well as thrilling story, and one for all ages.

## ***True Spirit: The True Story of a 16-Year-Old Australian Who Sailed Solo, Nonstop, and Unassisted Around the World*** (Paperback)

By Jessica Watson

On May 15, 2010, after 210 days at sea and more than 22,000 nautical miles, 16-year-old Jessica Watson sailed her 33-foot boat triumphantly back to land. She had done it. She was the youngest person to sail solo, unassisted, and nonstop around the world.

Jessica spent years preparing for this moment, years focused on achieving her dream. Yet only eight months before, she collided with a 63,000-ton freighter. It seemed to many that she'd failed before she'd even begun, but Jessica brushed herself off, held her head high, and kept going.

Told in Jessica's own words, *True Spirit* is the story of her epic voyage. It tells how a young girl, once afraid of everything, decided to test herself on an extraordinary adventure that included gale-force winds, mountainous waves, hazardous icebergs, and extreme loneliness on a vast sea, with no land in sight and no help close at hand. *True Spirit* is an inspiring story of risk, guts, determination, and achievement that ultimately proves we all have the power to live our dreams—no matter how big or small.

## ***Unsinkable: A Young Woman's Courageous Battle on the High Seas*** (Hardcover)

by Abby Sunderland

Abby Sunderland grew up sailing. Her father, Laurence, a shipwright, and her mother, Marianne, wanted their kids to develop responsibility, to see other cultures, to experience the world instead of watching it on TV. So they took them sailing down the coast of Mexico... for three years.

When Abby was thirteen, she began helping her father deliver boats and soon was sailing solo. She loved being on the open ocean, the spray in her face, the wind in her hair. She began to dream of sailing the world.

But fewer people have successfully solo-circumnavigated the globe than have traveled into space. It is a challenge so immense that many have died trying, and all have been pushed beyond every physical, emotional, psychological, and spiritual limit.

In *Unsinkable*, you will follow Abby into the depths through a gripping and evocative firsthand account that starts prior to her departure, travels through her daring (and sometimes near-death) encounters on the open sea, to her dramatic rescue in the remotest part of the Indian Ocean. Today, when the most productive thing a teenager may do is play videogames, Abby's courage and tenacity shows us all what can happen when we choose to challenge our own limits, embrace faith, and aim for what our critics say is impossible.

"It was pitch-black out and whitewater was crashing over the boat. The wintry wind screamed across the deck, and I could tell it was now holding up near fifty knots. Imagine standing on the roof of a car that's driving down the freeway. That's how hard it was blowing.

At that moment, a huge gust hit the mainsail like a train. The boat heeled over to port as if a giant hand had smacked her down, and I tumbled over the top of the mainsail toward the water..."

On January 23, 2010, sixteen-year-old Abby Sunderland set sail from Marina del Rey, California, in an attempt to become the youngest person to sail solo, nonstop, and unassisted around the world. Immediately, her trip sparked controversy. What was a girl her age doing undertaking such a voyage? What were her parents thinking?

Abby's critics predicted she'd make it a few weeks at most. But sailing south, she proved them wrong and became the youngest person to sail solo around Cape Horn, the "Mt. Everest of sailing." Crossing the Southern and Atlantic oceans, she battled vicious storms and equipment breakdowns—making one critical repair literally with a nail file and some line. Abby bested the wicked waters at the southern tip of Africa and then entered the Indian Ocean—all twenty-seven million square miles of it.

Even less than a hundred years ago, having your boat become disabled in the middle of the Indian's immense rolling reaches was as good as a death sentence. The odds are better now, but not much. It was here that Abby Sunderland encountered the violent storms that would test her mettle and her will to survive—and change her life forever.





## 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:

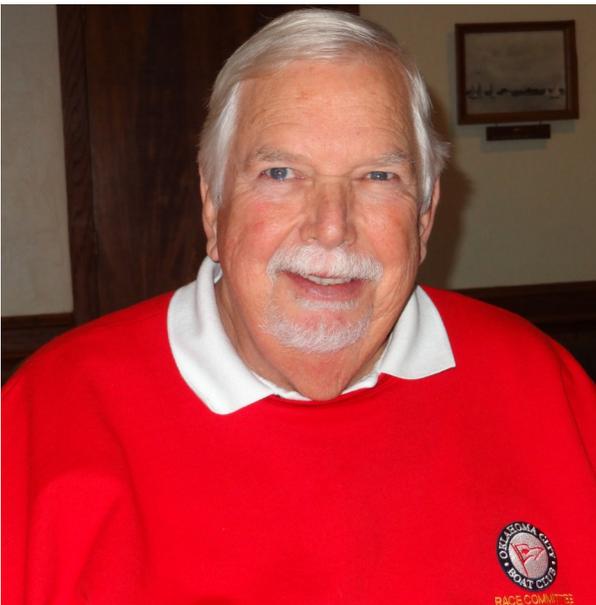
- . \$700/week plus accommodation for non-local resident

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

**COLTON SAUNDERS**, a member of the University of Hawaii sailing team, trims the main while competing in the 2014 Harbor Cup Regatta, hosted by the Los Angeles Yacht Club, March 7-9, 2014. Owning a Farr 38 and 43 gives the team an opportunity to practice their boat handling to get ready for the regatta. Over the history of the program, the UH team has participated in the Kennedy Cup, the Harbor Cup, and many ocean races in Hawaii. They were first to the weather mark in the regatta and finished fourth out of 12 teams. Colton is a former member of OCBC's Youth Program and son of proud father, Gary Saunders.



Photo Credit: Port of Los Angeles Harbor Cup 2014



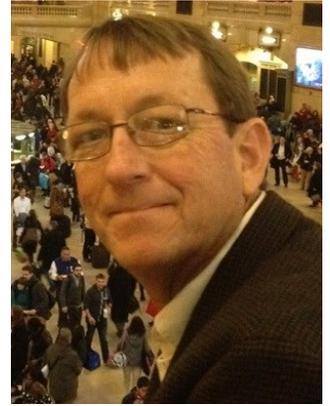
## HUDIBURG HELPS FIGHT HUNGER

Hudiburg Toyota continues support of the Mid-Del Food Pantry by donating 672 pounds of food valued at \$1,033.80. The donation will provide 517 meals for the hungry families in the community. Since late 2012, Hudiburg Toyota has given an equivalent of more than \$9,000 in nonperishable food, funds and other donated items.

OCBC club member, Mike Anderson is the Executive Director of the Mid-Del Food Pantry and was presented with the truck load of food by John Dewberry, General Sales Manager of Hudiburg Toyota.

## U. S. RACE MANAGEMENT SEMINAR

Steve Meyer  
RC Co-Chair



The US Sail Race Management Seminar was hosted by OCBC on Saturday, March 8<sup>th</sup>.

The instructor was Dr. Gil Greenwood, a Regional Race Officer from Bartlesville. The seminar had 19 students, including two from Windy Crest and one from the Boathouse at Lake Thunderbird. The seminar was re-tooled by US Sail, and Gil customized the material further for his audience which was made up from all experience levels. The seminar was fast paced and included much class participation. A great deal was learned by all.

I would like to thank Gary Sander for putting the seminar together. Thanks to my lovely wife, Lori, who prepared a delicious lunch for all. Thanks to all the participants, many of whom make up your race committee, for using a Saturday to polish their skills in order to make racing more fun and fair. I would mostly like to thank Gil who spent large amounts of time customizing this class, driving from Bartlesville, and teaching us all. Gil did all of this and his only compensation is our undying gratitude. From all of OCBC, Thank you Dr. Greenwood!



# OCBC HISTORY

A cold day over Lake Hefner in January 2007



Photo Contribution: David Ostrowe  
Bruce McDermott - OCBC Historian

**QUOTE OF YE MONTH:**

*If one does not know to which port one is sailing,  
no wind is favorable.*

*Lucius Annaeus Seneca*

*Quote of Ye Monthe and accompanying photos are submitted by Cindy Friedeman,  
OCBC Public Relations*



MEMBER OF THE MONTH FOR  
JANUARY, 2014

BILL McMILLAN

A huge thank you goes out to Bill for taking on  
the task of updating the OCBC Bylaws.

THANK YOU, BILL!!!



*From the  
Dictionary for Landlubbers*

*Submitted by: John Barnett*

**Fuel:** Sailboats without auxiliary engines do not require fuel as such, but an adequate supply of a pale yellow carbonated beverage with a 10 percent to 12 percent alcohol content is essential to the operation of all recreational craft.



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

Roy Bruner received the Error in Judgment trophy for January! This is the fourth consecutive month for Roy!



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# FOURTH ANNUAL SPAY-GHETTI & NO BALLS DINNER *A STARRY NIGHT*

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**Where:** The Oklahoma City Boat Club,  
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# PHOTOS FROM AROUND TOWN, THE LAKE, AND OCBC



From the filming of Rudderless; Photo credit: Cindy Friedemann



April 2011 Storm, Photo Credit: Tony Fuller



2/6/2013 Low Water



Photo Credit: Bruce McDermott

Clubhouse Remodel, 4/13/2005

# OCBC VALENTINE'S DAY PARTY

*"He who thinks about love, makes the best lover" ...Plato*



FOOD.....



# GAMES!!!!!! HEART DARTS ....



WE HAD POETS..KEITH AND DON.. DON WAS THE WINNER...  
MANY MADE VALENTINES...  
AND PRESENTED THEM TO THEIR SWEETHEARTS...  
ROSSY AND INACIA WON THE VALENTINE ART...



LOVE WAS IN THE AIR...  
LOVE WAS EVERYWHERE!

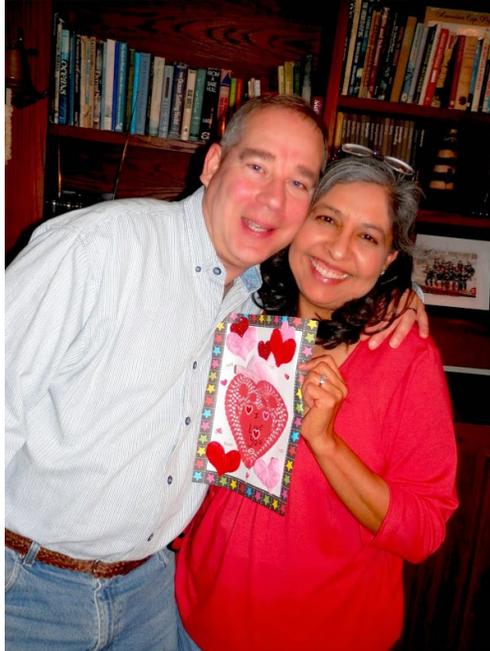
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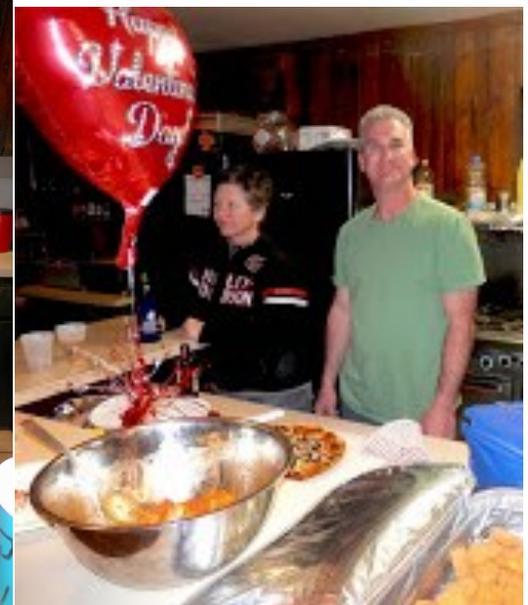
PLAYED "LEFTY-RIGHTY"...



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# MARDI GRAS CELEBRATION, MARCH 8

Thanks go out to the Handicap Fleet for sponsoring this exciting event., and particularly to Don and his crew for preparing mouthwatering fare. Jambalaya, Rice, Corn Bread, Hurricane punch, King Cakes and Bread Pudding were enjoyed by all. We had a stellar turnout, as we always do, here at OCBC. Costumes galore! Wonderful decorations, and, we even have a MARDI GRAS TREE!!!! (a/k/a Christmas Tree, Valentine Tree, and likely a St. Patrick's Day Tree). To see all pictures: <https://plus.google.com/photos/108988589563930210264/albums/5988627356701601777>



## ***FLEET REPORTS***

### **Level 170: Fleet Captain: George Davis**

When the rains come the Level 170 Fleet will be ready to kick off an exciting season. Anticipation is high as several new boats are expected to join the fleet, which features heads-up racing between keelboats with PHRF ratings around 170 (hence the name). With three IC24s, a Sonar, an Olson 25 and a Merit 25, the racing will be interesting and fun! The Fleet would like to continue to grow, so if you have, or are thinking of buying, a race boat that meets fleet criteria – know that you are welcome!

### **Catalina Fleet 76: Captain: Larry Walters**

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

### **Soling Fleet: Captain:**

### **Santana Fleet 20: Captain:**

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

### **Handicap Fleet: Captain: Don Steeber**

### **Laser Fleet: Captain:**

### **Melges Fleet: Captain:**

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

### **J-24 Fleet: Captain**

## ***THE TRADING PAGE***

**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>2</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>2</sup>

**For Sale:** 1984 Mistral 404 with trailer. \$1,000. Contact prindle1995@gmail.com or 405-226-6077, Andy Davison.<sup>1</sup>

**For Sale:** 1985 Prindle 19 with trailer. \$2100. Contact prindle1995@gmail.com or 405-226-6077, Andy Davison.<sup>1</sup>

*Items on the Trading Page will run for three issues. To continue publishing your ad for an additional three issues, please notify Keith Green, Editor.*



*Exultation is the going of an inland soul to sea,--  
past the houses, past the headlands, into deep eternity!  
Bred as we, among the mountains, can a sailor understand  
The divine intoxication of the first league out from land?*

*---Emily Dickinson*

*Submitted by: John Walters*

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Beginning next month, *Ye Logge* will add two new features to the publication. First, an *Issues & Opinions* section will be devoted to content submitted by members on topics of interest to the general membership, such as the Planning Committee Master Plan Projects and other proposals found on page 4. The purpose of this section will be to stimulate debate and discussion of issues under consideration by the club that can be elaborated upon to impart broad scope information and accentuate diverse opinions which will expand our knowledge about a given issue, enrich understanding, and facilitate selection of the best future club objectives and directions. Secondly, a *Featured Junior Sailor* will be recognized each month. Since sailing activity itself may not be in the offing for some time, selections could be made for now, perhaps, on the basis of indications of character development, which may include academic achievement, participation in other sports, good citizenship, like holding student body office at school or providing community service, or pursuing cultural goals in the arts, music or drama. Candidates may be selected by committee or from nominations submitted by the membership.

Information about fleets is still being sought. If you are a fleet captain, or if you, as a member of a fleet, know the identity of your fleet captain, please provide the *Ye Logge* editor with this information so that we can enhance the level of the fleet reports section of the newsletter.

Keith Green, *Editor*

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