

Whiskeytown



Sailing Club News

January 2013



Commodore's Letter

Welcome to 2013! We hope your holidays and New Year were great!! Your new almost-all-volunteer board of directors (ok, a little arm twisting was involved) met in December for our first meeting. Our goal was to get to know each other, brainstorm ideas to improve club activities for the new year, and set a plan in motion. We are looking forward to a great year of sailing, some social events, and some fun sailing opportunities, i.e. fiascos and other events yet to be announced, that will hopefully be enjoyed by all of the members of the Whiskeytown Sailing Club.

Looking back to last year, our annual regatta went very well. Attendance was up, we had wind most of the time, and it was a great opportunity to invite out-of-the-area sailors to enjoy sailing on our beautiful Whiskeytown Lake. We are looking forward to our 49th annual Whiskeytown Sailing Club Regatta. Jake and Nancy Cartwright will again be heading up the regatta committee. John Super from the Bay Area who did a great job running the races for us this past year will be assisting this year as well. We will be in need of additional club members to play a part in this year's event. Keep the date open to help. We would love to see you out on the race course.

At our board meeting Mike Archibald and Jake Cartwright reviewed the results of the survey that was sent to club members regarding ways we could improve local club races. We received great input from approximately 25% of our membership. Our goal is to design these events to encourage new sailors who want to learn how to be better sailors as well as those who enjoy the competition of racing. Mike will be incorporating the suggestions received into the upcoming Spring Series, dates to be announced soon!



First meeting of the new Board of Directors (Michael Moore, Mike Archibald, Jake & Nancy Cartwright, Bob Hepler, Bob Fox) with members (Don Sheely, Mike Kelly, Donna Hepler, and Donna Moore, photographer)

Our next general meeting will be at the Sailing Boat Restaurant on Saturday February 2nd at 6:00. Donna and I will share video clips from our recent trip to the San Francisco Bay to watch the America's Cup Regatta as well as a vision for upcoming club activities. We hope to see you there....

Michael Moore

UPCOMING EVENTS:

WSC Social

6 PM Saturday, Feb. 2, 2013
Sailing Boat Restaurant
2772 Churn Creek Road
Redding, CA 96002
r.s.v.p. dmoore@shasta.com
by 2/1/13

Michael Moore will give a brief presentation on the America's Cup Regatta which he attended in the San Francisco Bay.

Order your own food and drinks, or just come and enjoy!

General Membership Meeting
after dinner.

Next Board Meeting
Wednesday, March 13
7:00 p.m.

16219 Plateau Circle, Redding
All members welcome.

Spring Series Schedule
To Be Announced

**49th Annual
Whiskeytown Regatta**
May 25-26

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MEMBERSHIP

\$40/Year

Race Committee: Skipper and Crew List

I was thinking one day and came up with some keen ideas. You know that we all know nothing before we know something. Then, we who know something can always learn more.

There are some who have boats and some who don't. Finally, there are some who need crew and some who want to be crew. So with that in mind let's see what we can do about getting these folks together.

What we are thinking is a list posted on the web site that is easy to get to and available to everyone. What we need from those interested are their name, phone number, and e-mail address. Then folks can make contact and all of a sudden we have more boats out sailing and racing. If there are those who don't want information posted on the web site we can still get you lined up with a skipper or a crew. Call me at 638-6945 and I will do my best to get you together.

At our next meeting at the Sailboat Restaurant we'll have signup sheets for skippers needing crew and for crew needing a skipper. I know personally that there are centerboard, keel, and multihull boats that don't race because they don't have crews. So let's see if we can fix this. If you can't make it to the Sailboat Restaurant let me know and I'll get you on the list.

Let's have a great 2013 sailing. Happy New Year.



Mike Archibald

Wes Wright on his new to him Hobie Tiger F-18 out playing with his new toy

Mike Strahle out for the first sail of the new year with Ben and Robert



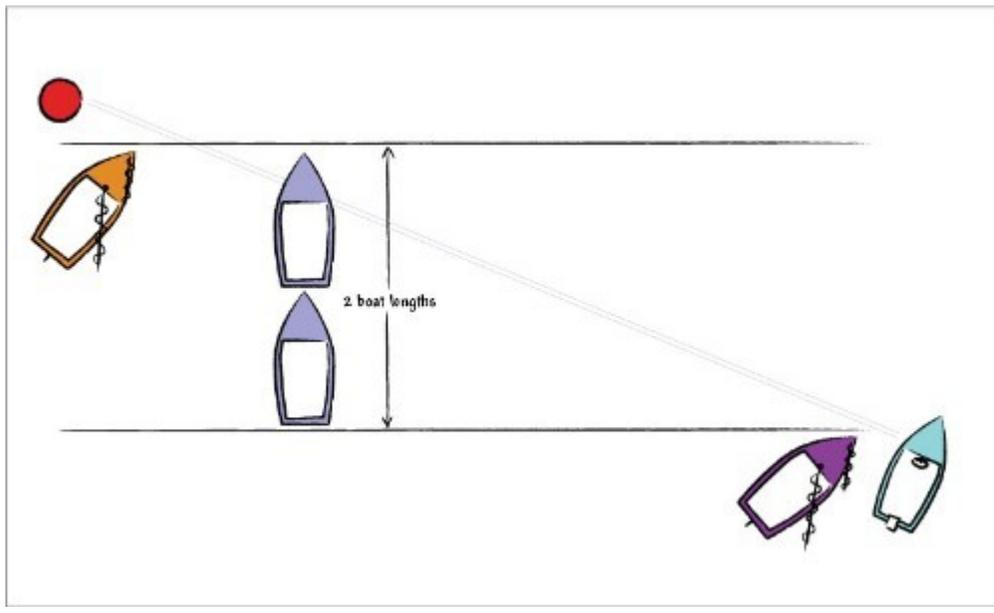
Strahle out for their first spinnaker run

Start Line Tactics

Line Bias

So it doesn't matter which end of the line you start on, right? Wrong!

Depending on how the course is laid out, if you start on the left hand side of the line as in the diagram below, you are already closer to the first windward mark, and can sail a shorter distance than if you start on the right hand side of the start line. This should factor heavily into your tactics for deciding where to start on the start line. The race start line is rarely at a true right angle to the first mark - that is the windward mark is directly upwind of the start line as shown, and usually you will find one end is closer to the mark than the other - and the longer the start line is, the greater this advantage can be. This is known as **line bias**.



However, consider this - if you start on the port end of a **biased start line**, and say you are two boat lengths closer to the mark, if the wind is stronger and more favourable on the other end of the start line, people starting the other end will be sailing into stronger wind, with more speed. Therefore, it is better to start at the end of the line nearest the wind (i.e. if the wind is coming from the left side, start at the port end of the line).

A good race officer will "**bias**" the start line by a small amount, say 5 degrees, that is, they will shift one end of the start line upwind slightly, and make the start line angled in relation to the first mark, rather than at right angles to it, as shown. This introduces slightly more in the way of tactical thinking required while you're battling for position on the start line.

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Definitions: "Boom"

1. Laterally mounted pole to which a sail is fasten. Often used during jibing to shift crew members to a fixed, horizontal position.
2. Called boom for sound that's made when hitting the heads of crew while tacking.