

CRBA Spring Picnic

By Contributing Writer David Green

Saturday, April 19th was one of those rare “Spring” days when the morning was cool and the afternoon was delightful. The reward was a great turnout of 62 people for the Cape Royale Boating Association (CRBA) annual Spring Picnic. Both members and non-members came to enjoy the weather for our largest Spring Picnic in several years.

As you might expect, the food was good. Of course food always tastes better when you are eating outside with good neighbors. The menu included hamburgers, hot-dogs, potato salad, ranch beans, plus the usual "fixings". Thanks to “Chief Chef” Morris Novak for the use of his “Pit on Wheels”. His able assistants were Rick Masterson and Gene Hajdik. Many thanks to the chefs for their fine cooking. Lunch was followed by dessert with a large sheet cake from Sam's that was delicious. Picnikers lingered for several hours enjoying the pleasant afternoon with one another before it was time to clean-up.

Mark your calendars for Saturday July 5th for our annual Independence Day Picnic and decorated boat Parade.



CRBA Members Travel to Indian Hill Cafe

By Bobby Hughes

On Saturday morning, May 31st, twenty members of the Cape Royale Boating Association (CRBA) traveled to the Indian Hill Waterfront Café for an open-air lunch by the water. Some arrived by boat while others came in their cars. In all, three sailboats and four power boats tied up at the pier outside the café between 11:00 and 11:30.

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Parents, Children & Grandparents enjoy themselves at the 2008 Spring Picnic

Youth Fishing Tournament Reels in Some Fun!

By Richard Masterson, CRBA fishing commodore

Saturday, March 15th the CRBA sponsored our youth fishing tournament. The weather was great but the fishing turned out to be a little slow. We had 9 very eager participants, 5 boys and 4 girls from ages 4 to 10. Ms. Bayli Adelman was our grand prize winner and her sister Morgan was our second place winner. The winners received brand new fishing rods and reels for their efforts. All contestants went home with a good time and a small prize.

Sailors Report

Spring Sailboat Racing for CRBA Continues in May

By Bobby Hughes

On Saturday, May 3, members of the Cape Royale Boating Association (CRBA) gathered with their sailboats on southwest Lake Livingston for two racing events. The CRBA handicap cruiser fleet completed two races to wrap up their Spring Series. At the same time, the Thistle Delta District conducted its district championship regatta. The weather was great for sailboat racing with stiff north winds, ranging between 12 and 16 mph with occasional gusts of 18 mph. The strong winds also meant large waves, which added to the challenges the sailors faced as they sailed their boats as efficiently as possible around defined courses.

Cruiser Roster for final 2008 Spring Series Race :

30' Catalina, "Impulse," skipper David Craft; crew Tim Howell, Rolando Garcia, and Steven Orender.

26' S2 7.9, skipper Paul Hoffman, crew Tina and Dick Hoffman.

26' S2 7.9, "Doodad," skipper Howard Lincoln; crew Chuck Frank, Dennis Raymond, and Dennis Brown.

25' S2 7.3, "Easy Going," skipper David Green; crew Peter Hegedus and Rick Masterson.

25' MacGregor skipper Bobby Hughes; crew Dale Long and Robert Appelbaum.

19' Starwind 190, "Song of Grace," skipper Brent Clifton; crew Debbie Clifton.

17-foot Thistle Roster for the Delta District regatta:

#2592 skipper Bruce Zurbuchen; crew Mary Zurbuchen and Michelle Martinez.

#2615 skipper Chris LaBorde; crew Joe Hoffman and Charlie Haehl.

#2724 skipper Jim Kincaid; crew David Garcia and Beth Kincaid.

#3408 skipper Steve McCleery; crew Neil O'Sullivan and Robert MacNaughton.

#3790 skipper Tom Glover; crew Anne Glover and Russell Haehl.

During the 11:00 am skippers meeting, the higher wind conditions were discussed and the start time was delayed an hour to see if the wind would abate as projected by forecasts. Two two-nautical-mile courses were used by the racers, both with the start-finish line at the center of the CRBA Olympic circle:



Starwind 19
Homeward bound
after an
exciting day of
racing

Course 1 was a start-windward-leeward-finish via the north and south buoys;

Course 2 was a start-windward-leeward-finish via the northwest buoy and southeast buoys.

The sailors were required to sail counter-clockwise around the buoys, passing them on the port (left) sides of their boats. The cruisers used only Course 1. The Thistles used Course 1 for their first and third races and Course 2 for their second race.

The Thistles, considerably faster than all the cruisers, conducted three races. The cruisers conducted two. In both cruiser races, handicapping allowed the slower boats to start ahead of the faster boats. The Starwind 190 was rated the slowest of the cruisers under the prevailing wind conditions and was, therefore, designated "scratch boat" for both handicap fleet races. It was permitted to start immediately at the start signal, while start times for the other cruisers were delayed according to their handicap ratings.

Cruiser fleet results:

Race One: The S2 7.9 "Doodad" finished first; the Hoffman S2 7.9 second; the MacGregor third; "Easy Going" was fourth; and "Song of Grace" was fifth. Due to equipment failure "Impulse" did not finish the first race.

Race Two: The MacGregor finished first; the S2 7.9 "Doodad" second; the Hoffman S2 7.9 third; "Impulse" was fourth; "Easy Going" was fifth; and "Song of Grace" was sixth.

Thistle Regatta results:

Race One: Thistle #2615 finished first; #2724 second; #3790 third; #3408 fourth; and #2592 fifth.

Race Two: Thistle #3790 finished first; #2615 second; #2724 third; #2592 fourth; and #3408 fifth.

Race Three: Thistle #2724 finished first; #3790 second; #2615 third; #2592 did not finish; and #3408 did not start.

Delta District Regatta overall outcome: #2724 first; #3790 second; #2615 third; #2592 fourth; and #3408 fifth.

A very windy day on Lake Livingston provided the sailors lots of exercise and lots of thrills. It was just the sort of race day they're always waiting for. In the consistently strong winds, there was absolutely no room for concern about unwelcome lulls. The boats moved quickly through the wind and over the waves, leaving all the sailors with great memories of a wonderful day on the water.

For more CRBA sailing information, contact Joe Hoffman, Rear Commodore, Sailing:

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CRBA Spring Series 2008 Cruisers Top Finishers

The wind was blowing this spring and our sailors were able to complete all but one of the scheduled Spring race days. Our top finishers were:

1st place, Howard Lincoln in "Doodad"

2nd place, Bobby Hughes in his MacGregor 25

3rd place, Paul Hoffman in his S2 7.9

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Most of the boats, including two of the sailboats, came there from the Cape Royale Marina. Because power boaters travel at higher speeds, the trip wasn't so long for them. For the sailors, it was a different story. It took the two sailboats from Cape Royale about an hour and a half to reach the on-the-lake café. The third sailboat was launched from the Patrick's Ferry ramp adjacent to the west end of the Highway 190 bridge across the lake. Its' trip across the lake to the café also took approximately an hour and a half.

After enjoying lunch and each other's company for about an hour and a half, the boats began to pull out from the waterfront café around 1:00 p.m.; most were heading back to their original points of departure. With the winds coming from the south, the sailboats from Cape Royale had to tack their way back to the southwest end of the lake. They had enjoyed downwind runs with spinnakers flying during the morning trip to the café. The other, much smaller sailboat had its windward experience during the morning. So, these two sailors were able to cruise at a more leisurely pace during the afternoon. They took a scenic route northwest across the lake to Fisherman's Bend and then followed the shoreline around to their Patrick' Ferry destination.

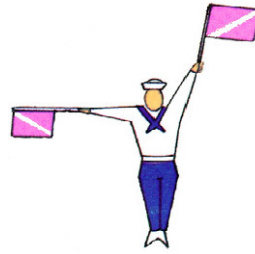
With temperatures in the upper 80s and lower 90s on Saturday, traveling across the lake for the noon meal was an exciting adventure for all who participated. The food was good, the company was outstanding, the weather cooperated, and the memories are priceless. What more could anyone ask for on a warm spring day on Lake Livingston?

Don't miss out on this years fun!



Time to renew your CRBA
Membership. You can bring it to
the July 5th picnic or just drop it
in the mail to CRBA,
3 Sales Dr., Coldspring, TX
77331

Rules of the Road



The Rules of the Road are designed to prevent collisions at sea. This includes our own Lake Livingston.

By John Davis

Which captain is at fault in the following situation?

Vessel "A" is entering a channel that leads to a popular marina/restaurant steering course 270 magnetic. Vessel "B" is leaving the marina via the same channel, steering course 090 magnetic. As the two craft near each other, the captain on vessel "A" notes that vessel "B" appears to be adrift and is crossing vessel "A's" bow. The captain on "A" decides approach "B" starboard to starboard and offer assistance. As "A" nears and steers to make her approach, vessel "B" suddenly turns to starboard. Vessel "A" slows and maintains her course. Vessel "B" strikes vessel "A's" starboard bow. The blow damages both vessels.

Who is at fault?

At the very least, vessel "A" should have first stayed on the starboard side of the channel and sounded 5 short blasts to indicate she did not understand the intentions of vessel "B." Radio contact could also be established.

As a result of the collision, both skippers are at fault under Rule 2. Rule 2 is the responsibility rule—also known as the rule of good seamanship. Nothing in the rules shall relieve from obligation any vessel, owner, master, or crew thereof, from the consequences of any neglect to comply with these Rules or of the neglect of any precaution which may be required by the ordinary practice of seaman, or by the special circumstances of the case.

In interpreting and complying with these Rules due regard shall be had to all dangers of navigation and collision and to any special circumstance, including limitations of the vessels involved. This may require deviating from the Rules in order to avoid immediate danger.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JULY

FRI 4 **July 4th Holiday**

5 **July 4th decorated boat parade & picnic** - 11:00 AM;

Rendezvous outside marina for parade. Judge's pontoon boat at Royale Greens Park. Picnic at the marina to follow shortly after the parade ends

19 Summer Racing Series I (4:00 PM; Pier F)

Sunset raft up (6:30PM; Rendezvous near northwest end of Pine Island)

26 Adult Fishing Tournament (Daybreak- Marina Launch Ramp 4 pm weigh-in)

AUGUST

2 Summer Racing Series II (5:00 PM; Pier F)

9 Hidden Beach Cruise (10:00 AM - depart Marina)

16 CRBA Board Meeting 10:00 AM

Summer Racing Series III (4:00 PM; Pier F)

Sunset raftup (6:30PM) (Rendezvous near northwest end of Pine Island)

SEPTEMBER

Mon 1 **LABOR DAY**

6 Sailing Fall Racing Series I (11:00 AM; Pier F)

13 Wet Deck - Rendezvous by boat or car for dutch treat dinner -depart at 5:30 PM

27 Sailing Fall Distance Race I (11:00 AM; Pier F)

OCTOBER

4 Marina Street Dance and Dinner (6:00 PM; Marina North Parking Lot)

11 Poker Run (1:30 PM; Pier C for Instructions; Prizes at 4:30 at Ramp)

18 Sailing Fall Racing Series II (11:00 AM; Pier F)

NOVEMBER

1 Sailing Fall Distance Race II (11:00 AM; Pier F)

15 CRBA Annual Meeting (10:00 AM; Civic Room)

THURS 27 **HAPPY THANKSGIVING**

DECEMBER

THURS 25 **MERRY CHRISTMAS**

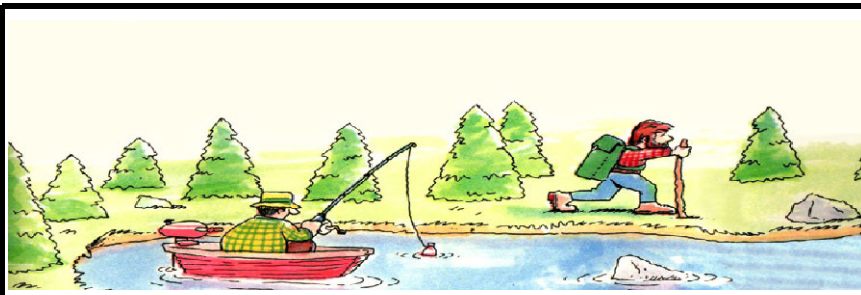
JANUARY 2009

THURS 1 Sailing REVOGNAH (1:00 PM; Pier F)

17 CRBA Board Meeting (10:00 AM; Civic Room)

24 Commodore's Banquet (6:00 PM; Cape Royale Banquet Room)

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Adult Fishing Tournament
Saturday July 26th
Daybreak Marina Launch ramp
Weigh-in at 4 PM

Welcome Aboard !

A Hearty Welcome to our New CRBA members since our March Issue and their families:

James and Sandra Chesser

Robert and Charlene Sawyer

Robert and Amy Thompson



Visit our Website for more pictures and the most up to date information @

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MARCH

- 1 Sailing Spring Distance Race I (11:00 AM; Pier F)
- 8 CAPE ROYALE CIVIC ASSOCIATION "MEET THE CANDIDATES"
- 15 Youth fishing tournament (9:00 AM; Pier C) - Prizes!
- 23 **HAPPY EASTER !**
- 29 Annual Marina Cleanup (8:30 AM at Marina)

APRIL

- 5 Sailing Spring Racing Series I (11:00 AM; Pier F)
- 12 CAPE ROYALE POA ANNUAL MEETING
- 19 **CRBA Board Meeting** (1:00 PM; Civic Room)
CRBA Spring Picnic (5:30 PM at Marina Launch Ramp Park); **if Bad Weather** at Club House
- 26 Sailing Spring Distance Race II (11:00 AM; Pier F)

MAY

- 3 Sailing Spring Racing Series II (11:00 PM; Pier F)
CAPE ROYALE CIVIC ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING
- 17 Sailing Cruise & Parade of Spinnakers (10:00 AM; Pier F)
- Mon 26 **Memorial Day**
- 31 Indian Hills Cruise / Lunch (11:30 AM at Indian Hills)

JUNE

- 7 Adult Fishing Tournament (Daybreak - Marina Launch Ramp; 4:00 PM weigh-in)
- 21 Sailing Race to Royale Greens Park / Picnic Lunch w/ Power Boaters / Race Home (10:00 AM Pier F)

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