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Notice of Annual Meeting of Members

The Annual Members Meeting of the Sailing Association of Intermountain Lakes will be held on November 7, 2009 from 10:00 AM until 1:30 PM at a location to be announced. The agenda will include a presentation of the proposed 2010 SAIL Budget, election of officers, SAIL Tour trophy awards, and other business as required. If you are interested in nominating someone for an office (including yourself) please contact me at simpson@cattlefax.com. If you do not receive confirmation within 72 hours, please call me at 303.850.3420 (days) or 303.794.6819 (evenings). In addition, if you would like something added to the meeting agenda, please let me know.

- Ross Simpson, Commodore

Sailing the Intermountain Lakes

The Commodore's Corner

Final words from Ross Simpson...

Fall has come, summer has gone, and it is getting close to time to pull the boats if you haven't already. So far, it's been a great year for regattas and, according to the SAIL calendar, there are still four left before the season ends. At least three, Chatfield, Cherry Creek, and Pueblo are on the SAIL Tour and the Columbus Day Regatta at Chatfield will determine the winner of the Colorado Cup. Consider participating in one or more and enjoy some of Colorado's great late season sailing.

The 2009 Junior Tour finished with the DSA Junior Regatta. This year consisted of four regattas; Union, Chatfield, Dillon, and Cherry Creek. Overall turnout was good and the participants seemed to have a good time, especially those competing in multiple regattas. It would be great to get more Junior sailors participating next year. Will you consider volunteering?

The SAIL Annual Member's Meeting is coming up on November 7th and I hope that you will all try to attend. As always, we will discuss plans for next year, present a new budget for approval, award trophies for the various SAIL Tours, and elect new officers. If you would like to become a SAIL Officer or know someone who would, please let me know (simpson@cattlefax.com) as soon as possible. If you would like to become one of SAIL's Committee Chairs, please let me know that as well. SAIL is only as good as its members and volunteers and we always need help. In fact, we need YOU!

SAIL Board meetings are open to all members and are held on the first Tuesday of each month. Please join us if you would like to see what is going on or have an interest in helping with the many SAIL activities. The next meeting will be on October 6th at the Blue Bonnet Café on Broadway. If you are thinking about volunteering, this would be a great meeting to attend. However, be sure to contact me or one of the SAIL board members to make sure the meeting will be held as scheduled. All of the board members' emails can be found on the SAIL website.

After three years, this will be my last meeting as Commodore. I have enjoyed working with all of you during that time and hope to continue our association in the future. I have been elected the Commodore of Area F, US Sailing for this year and next so if you have anything I can do for you in that capacity please let me know.

Good luck, good sailing, and I hope to see you all at the Member's Meeting on November 7th.

- SAIL Commodore - Ross Simpson

Attention all SAIL Members

New Membership Directory...

The board members of SAIL are arranging a membership directory to include contact information of all SAIL members in order to better serve communication between SAIL members. Junior's information will not be included.

If you have an aversion to your information being published in a printed format to be shared only with other SAIL members please contact Ross at the info. below:
Daytime: (303)850-3420 / Evening: (303)794-3819 / Email: simpson@cattlefax.com

Junior Sailing

Denver Sailing Association (DSA) scored a huge bullet on August 29 hosting 31 junior sailors on 22 sailboats when they competed in the DSA's Cherry Creek Junior Open Regatta. Juniors from Cherry Creek Reservoir, Standley Lake, Chatfield Reservoir, Bow Mar, St. Pete Florida and Dillon Reservoir attended.

Varying in race experience ranging from none to more experienced, Juniors raced in two fleets. The experienced fleet comprised of 420's, Flying Juniors and Lasers. The less experienced fleet comprised of Optimists, Sunfish, Minifish and Pico's. Three races were completed when the wind stopped blowing during the third race. 9 year old Austin Williams who learned to sail with Community Sailing at Cherry Creek this summer won the Optimist 1st place position.

Standley Lake's Cameron Holland, 8 years old,

won the Sunfish fleet competing against three other juniors. Dillon Yacht Club's Ben Schoeffield out sailed 4 other juniors on his Laser and took home the gold. 420 junior competitors Ben &

Jen Lehr, James McKeever & Michael Seitzer, Hannah Lutz & Mai Lai, Rajeev Vishwamitra & Dylan Letzler and Nick Heyn & Anna Malouf conceded to Dillon Yacht Club winners Jordan Nelson and Matt Darling.



Juniors are reported to have had a great time participating at this regatta. Breakfast was hosted by Jim Ulatowski and Juice Plus. Lunch was appetizing pizza and watermelon served by Helene Arendt and a group of DSA volunteers; and while scoring was completed ice cream sundaes were served.

DSA race committee led by Mike Dannecker and Scorer Darek Buczynski did a fantastic job. Scoring was completed in record time.

- Steve Frank - SAIL Junior Sailing Committee Chair



Featured Yacht Club 2009

CSYC - Colorado Sail & Yacht Club



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SAIL & YACHT CLUB

Colorado Sail & Yacht Club (CSYC) sails out of Chatfield Reservoir, like many of the local clubs we race Wednesday evenings throughout the spring and summer in two series Spring series and Summer Series. Each series consists of 10 races and on any given Wednesday we have more than 25 boats out racing. As you can imagine the competition is fierce with standings changing every week.

New for this year we are trying out a Fall series of races. This new series of races is run on Sunday afternoons and we are going to try to keep it going until the week before the marina closes. Each Sunday we run as many races as we can between 2:00 pm and 5:00pm. As of this day we have had 2 great Sundays of racing, one Sunday getting in 2 races before the wind became a problem and the other Sunday we had 3 great races. Even though less club racers have come out for this new series those of us that are able to make it are having a great time. Because fewer boats are competing some of us are racing against boats that during our spring and summer series are in different fleets. Mixing the fleets has only changed the competition not the competitiveness of the boats racing. With the success so far of our new fall series this series is bound to become one of our regular series.

On Tuesday in July and August we have our dinghy racing. Every year the number of dinghy racers increases.

Along with our 3 club series of racing we hold 2 regattas on the SAIL tour each year. In May we hold the Chatfield Open and in October we hold our Columbus Day Regatta and annual Chili Cook-off.

During the winter months with our boats out of the water we try to get together at least once a month. This gives us more opportunities to talk about our favorite sport, sailboat racing. It also gives us a chance to talk, or brag as the case may be, about the winter sailing trips we have taken or plan to take.

- CSYC Commodore - Brooke Mooreland

DENVER BOAT SHOW 2010



Every year Denver is host to the premiere boat show of the Rocky Mountain Region. A lot of effort is put into this show every year by the Colorado Marine Dealers Association and in particular by Steve and Donna Linton from The Anchorage who have coordinated the show for the past few years.

The 2009 Boat Show was a great success for sailing clubs in the SAIL area. There were seven clubs who worked together to present one large booth for “Sailing Clubs of Colorado”, each with something different to offer sailors in the area. The eight clubs were SAIL, Community Sailing of Colorado, Carter Lake, Colorado Sail & Yacht Club, Dillon Yacht Club, Union Sailing Club, and Salty Dog Sailing Club. Special thanks to Mark Boulding of ExhibitQuest who provided exhibit support and to Steve Linton who gave the clubs an opportunity to work together in creating one large space for the show.

The sailing booth also provided the Kids Fun Zone where kids were given a passport and went to each club to participate in a different activity in order to get a stamp in their passport. Once they finished the activities at each station they earned a prize. Activities included knot tying, raising a spinnaker, identifying boat parts, and more.

We hope to have the same success this year for the 2010 Boat Show held January 15th - 17th. We encourage all the club members of SAIL to participate in the boat show. It is a great way to encourage new members to join your club and to get more kids and families involved in sailing.



- Heidi Mills - SAIL Secretary