



Rocky Fork Sailing Club

The Jibsheet

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Upcoming Events

- May 10 - Cheeseburgers in Paradise
- May 17 - Races 2 & 3
- May 24 - Spring Regatta
- June 7 - Shockey Memorial -
- June 7 - Night Sail & Raft-Up

New Members for 2025

These are our new members this year. If you see them, be friendly and introduce yourself.

Charlie Lubbers

If you are a new member this year, please send your name and boat name to me.
mansinksboat@gmail.com

Scrivener's Notes

by Jon Hill

Hello Everyone! The Jibsheet is finally here!

Look how naked our little JibSheet is. I need submissions of things or I will have to keep posting poetry and pictures of myself. No one wants that.

If you have something to share, email it to me at mansinksboat@gmail.com

It is even better if you can have them to me by the 25th of the month, that helps me get things out on time.

PDFs are best but you can send them in Microsoft Word or just the body of an email.

Commodore's Corner

by Bill Parker



As of this writing most of the boats in the club are not in the water, so the season is getting to a late start. The weather has not cooperated. If you are hoping to launch after the last mast-up date, I suggest you get on the club email and work with those organizing an Ad Hoc mast-up.

As we get into the sailing part of the season, it is appropriate to talk about on the water safety and proper safety equipment on-board. The Coast Guard Auxiliary has been reactivated in our area, and I am working with them to schedule a day when they will, in an unofficial way, inspect your boat with a view to being compliant with the requirements of the law if you are interested. When we are ready to schedule that day I will float a sign-up sheet

on our email.

I am hoping we can all start to do some sailing and spending time on the water, which is, after all, kind of the whole point of this whole boat ownership thing.

I hope to see you all out there!

What is Jon doing instead of his homework Today?by Jon Hill

Some of you may know I am back in college full time. What you may not know is that having a lot of homework to do is very good at encouraging me to do everything else on the 2 year long to do list I have. Take a look at the pictures below and decide which of these is what Jon is up to instead of doing homework this week.

- 1) Sanding and repairing his rudder and tiller
- or2) Building a meth lab in a sailboat

I have forgotten how to do polls so you will just have to find me at a social and let me know what you decided





An Invitation from the Social Comittee
by Marcia Lehar



The first of our dinner events, Cheeseburger in Paradise, is May 10th . This invitation is especially extended to our newest members who may not be familiar with the recently remodeled East Shore Overlook. Captains and crew are welcome to join in “Social hour” beginning at 5PM. After a long winter we all have a bit of catching up with fellow members and aspirations to share about the season ahead. At approximately 6PM we’ll follow up with burgers and yummy sides prepared by Rocky Fork’s board members.

Just like Mast-Up and Racing our monthly dinners come together with the contributions of our RFSC members. We encourage everyone to volunteer to help with these events. You may be asked to set up tables or to help stir up something in the kitchen. Like our other activities you’ll find it is a great opportunity to get to know the club members. It may even be a chance to try Fiasco’s “Rum Punch” or “Skinny Margaritas” that show up in the kitchen!

Our members input is important. We are open to ideas none too small. Maybe you have suggestions where we can procure supplies, to possibly new event themes. Check the club roster for the names of our committee member, reach out to our Commodore or send us a message to the club email.

Here’s a pic from last year with our “grill masters”

See You there

Racing Season 2025!



We are totally excited about our season beginning on Sunday May 4th. We have several new sailors in the club so we would like to describe the race program in simple terms. We hope anyone with an interest will participate.

We have 15 races spanning 11 race days scheduled this year...check the calendar for the dates. We have three additional days for Spring Regatta, and make-up/fun races. Included in the schedule are the club's long-standing traditions of a Poker Run and a Scrabble Run, as well as the third running of the Shockey Memorial. There are special awards for these races.

Every race has a Skippers Meeting prior to the race at the bottom of the stairs near Gates 4 & 5. Times are generally 12:30 but all are on the calendar. We will discuss the course for the day as this depends on wind conditions and will ask about each boat's equipment for handicap purposes.

We will then head out to the main lake to lay the course markers and starting line. The start is between the Committee Boat and a starting buoy. We try to make it halfway between the windward and the leeward marks and perpendicular to the wind direction that day.

We will have a radio check. The committee boat will sound a horn at 5 minutes before the start of the race. When the horn sounds a second time it will mark the start of the race. The object is to be close enough to hit the start line at the horn. Most races begin by going TOWARD the windward mark. We round all marks to the port side unless told otherwise at the Skippers Meetings. After the last mark, usually the leeward mark, boats race to the finish line to earn an elapsed time for the race. The race committee will then calculate the final times based on the handicaps involved and we will keep

those visible and available on the Race Score sheets after the races. Our goal is to have final results available within a couple of days, but our schedules may cause a delay. (We will do our best.)

We would recommend, if you have not raced before to ask to be crew on another vessel and then race your own boat when you feel confident. There will be more detailed information on the club website under Files/2025 Racing Documents or just ask. We will try to do a race seminar early in the season for those interested. Come on out and race and you will learn to sail quickly.

Watch our Club Site for official updates from the Race Committee.
Cliff Watkins, Rob Alpern, Drew Hadley and Nathan Sernoffski

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