



Rocky Fork Sailing Club

THE JIBSHEET

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August Calendar:

- **2026 Steak and Lobster Dinner, Saturday 15 August, Marshall Community Center, Social Hour 5PM, Dinner 6PM.**
- **Scrabble Run,, Sunday 16 August, 12:30PM Skipper's Meeting.**
- **2 Races, 29 August, 12:30PM Skipper's Meeting.**

September Calendar:

- **Labor Day, Monday 7 September**
- **2 Races, September 13, 12:30PM Skipper's Meeting.**
- **Cookout & S'Mores, Smith Residence, Saturday 26 September, 6:00 p.m.**
- **1 Race, 26 September, 12:30PM Skipper's Meeting.**

The Commodore's Corner from Drew Hadley



Greetings Rocky Fork Sailors!

As we approach the dreaded August doldrums on Rocky Fork Lake, it's hard to believe our 2026 sailing season is past midpoint! I hope everyone is enjoying time at the lake, including having an opportunity to visit the Dockside restaurant. I was pleased to finally launch Nalu as well as enjoy a meal and cold beverage on the Dockside porch a few weeks ago. Unfortunately, with family commitments and travel Martha and I have had exactly 2 days sailing so far, and we're especially missing the sailing camaraderie. I'm hoping for a breezy few months ahead with few storms and more time on the water!

A big thank-you to our Social Committee and volunteers for hosting the "Americana Luau" at the AMVets facility on July 18. Although I couldn't attend, I've heard it was a fun mash-up of themes and a great opportunity to recognize America's 250th. Special thanks to all who contributed Americana desserts and helped with set up and clean up. As our first remote event we'd welcome any observations or feedback on the AmVets venue.

Our premier summer-season social event, Steak and Lobster, is fast approaching, and will be held at the Marshall Community Center on August 15th. Invitations have gone out through Groups.IO – please respond as soon as possible so we can plan for a great event. Hope to see everyone there!

ODNR has completed short-term improvements to help us launch at Fisherman's Wharf. The offshore shoal has been removed, and they've excavated as much as they could reach from the launch, giving us a > 6' depth channel out to the main lake. They also placed fill at the toe of the ramp to eliminate the dropoff and protect our longer trailers. We've had several more successful deeper-keel launches, and have also been able to launch boats up to 10 ¾ foot beam. With that, ODNR decided not to remove the middle dock and concrete pier this season.

We continue to work with ODNR toward critical restoration of full launch capability at East Shore, and our team will be meeting with the Director and Chief of Engineering on plans this month. More updates to come. It's also been nice to see progress at the docks, including upgrade of gates to the new lock system and installation of the transient dock north of the Dockside. There's definitely more boat traffic in the area, so please keep a sharp lookout when leaving or returning to the marina.

Many thanks to Willard Crabtree, Bill Parker, Cliff Watkins, Tim Stone, and Phil Hort for removing and reinstalling the mooring balls for Rumble in the Hills, and especially for the challenging task of finding and retrieving the mooring chains!



Social Notes from Marcia Lehar

Greetings Sailors,

You have all heard that our highlight event of the summer is August 15th. It takes a captain (or three) and a hearty crew to pull **Steak & Lobster** together. We need many enthusiastic deck hands to steam lobsters (still seeking turkey fryers to use), some seasoned grill cooks for steaks and shrimp, some willing hands in the galley, as well as help to decorate to make this a festive occasion. Yes, there is set-up and clean-up but it all goes quickly when we have many hands. A special request is to have a pick-up or trailer to transport the club grill from the lake guard shack to the Marshall location and back.

We do have a reservation deadline because the lobsters and steaks orders must be placed. Points of contact are Drew at rfsc.commodore@gmail.com and myself at leharmf@gmail.com or 614-397-5628.

If you have missed this event in the past or haven't attended in a few years please consider this to be a wonderful opportunity to meet up with your fellow club members.

Your Social Committee - Marcia, Tonya and Shirley



Racing Notes

Racing is coming back to life! We have ten boats that have raced before in the water. The Racing Committee has made the decision to not try and have a racing cup series for this year, but does want to use the race dates we have scheduled for racing after Steak and Lobster if we can get enough boats to participate. This would include the racing dates scheduled for the remainder of August, and September (See the Calendar on Page 1 for reference.) We WILL host the traditional Scrabble Run on Sunday, August 16th, and encourage participation by 100% of floating boats! This event doesn't require racing knowledge (you can even use your "iron genny"!), and a prize is awarded for the best scrabble word. Skippers Meeting at 12:30 to get your initial letters.

Meanwhile, here are some new racing links to keep you motivated:

<https://www.youtube.com/shorts/Q-kwDnpwqMA>

https://www.youtube.com/shorts/JQtd_7-OeDE

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SfQbHJtcGcQ>



The Scrivener's Screed

One of my fondest childhood memories, and, it has turned out, a formative one, was going to a place called Silverman's on the east side of Detroit. We had already been to Public Lumber, which was a revelation with its cavernous barns, and Dad said, "We'll stop at Silverman's, I think you'll like this place." Silverman's was a salvage business, kind of like a much smaller Mendelsons in Dayton. They had some yacht salvage, which is why Dad liked it, but there was everything from strange hardware to hand-painted figurines and everything in between. That started a lifelong interaction with salvage

shopping, and it has certainly dovetailed nicely with my boat part needs.

In any sailing group there is a spectrum of chandlery philosophies. There are those who will only buy new hardware and nothing else. There is a large group, most of us, who will buy new, but are always looking for a deal and might move down the food chain to get the price we want. Finally, there are those who only buy salvage and used. I salute them, but haven't totally crossed that line...yet.

The sad fact for those of us with older boats (a large group in our club), parts are no longer available new for our boats. This means searching the Web for the parts we need. More and more frequently that will mean buying from a yacht salvage dealer. There are many in Florida, and, as Doug Leyh says, wait until after a hurricane, there will be more selection. I thought it might be useful to provide some links to yacht salvage places I have known, or have reliable report of, for those of you who might be interested.

This first one is close to home, in Xenia, Ohio. I have no experience with them, but others in the club do:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/boatspartsforsaleortrade/posts/3370446529780002/>

I have been to this dealer in Ft. Pierce, FL. They don't have a lot of sailing stuff, but is all pulled together in one place, not a common occurrence. Price was right, too.

[Marine Connection Liquidators](#)

This is a big place in Ft. Lauderdale, and they sell on Ebay. Other dealers in Florida point to them as having the most sailing stuff:

[Used Marine Equipment | Parts | Strike Marine Salvage Sales | Fort Lauderdale | Florida](#)

I have bought things from this dealer (Massachusetts), and they were very helpful. This is a link to their Ebay store:

[Salvage Marine | eBay Stores](#)

All these dealers have many more parts for sale than they put online. It is worth a call or an email to ask. If you have a salvage dealer with which you have had success, please post on the Club email. Good hunting!

Joke of the Month:

A US Ship was sailing through dense fog when it sees another light...

US Ship: Please divert your course 0.5 degrees to the south to avoid a collision.

CND reply: Recommend you divert your course 15 degrees to the South to avoid a collision.

US Ship: This is the Captain of a US Navy Ship. I say again, divert your course.

CND reply: No. I say again, you divert YOUR course!

US Ship: THIS IS THE AIRCRAFT CARRIER USS CORAL SEA*, WE ARE A LARGE WARSHIP OF THE US NAVY. DIVERT YOUR COURSE NOW!!

CND reply: This is a lighthouse. Your call.



Get Your Reservations in For Steak & Lobster!!!!