

The Trailer Tongue

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UPCOMING EVENTS!!!!

First Regatta at C.J. Strike, September 6-7:

Believe it or not, the regatta season is nearing the end for 2008. This is the first of two C.J. Strike regattas and if you know anything about C.J., you know that unpredictability is a given. So put it on your calendar and plan for a great week-end of sailing and potlucking.

Last Regatta of the Season, C.J. Strike, September 27-28:

The last regatta is always interesting. In the past few years we've had every kind of weather from raging wind storms that have literally blown us off the lake, to fog so thick you couldn't see, to dead calm and lots of heat. The one thing that's consistent though is the food and the end of season celebration!

TRAGEDY IN SOUTHEAST BOISE TOUCHES SISA SAILOR

The wildfire that consumed several houses in southeast Boise on Monday night, August 25th, took the home of one of our SISA sailors, Jerome Watkins. Luckily no one was in the house at the time of fire since Jerome was off working on a project at a rental he owns in another part of town.

According to Jerome, he had left his cell phone in the car while he was working and didn't find out that his house was involved until he finally picked up his voice-mail messages several hours after the fire started. He had lots of messages, each more frantic than the one before.

When he finally managed to make his way back to southeast Boise, he was prevented from getting up to his home so made the only sensible choice. He headed out to Lucky 13, ordered a beer, and watched as most of his house and those of his neighbors burned to the ground.

Jerome's attitude is great and he has a good support system in place. Keith Sander has spoken with Jerome and offered his help and the help of other SISA members if he needs it. For now, Jerome is doing well and we hope to see him out on the water again very soon.

(Luckily, his Mac 26X was not at the house at the time of the fire!)

COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

By Dick Armstrong

The Wind Goddess and Department of Water Resources conspired to make our North Cascade rendezvous a greater challenge than expected the weekend of August 16-17. The combination of demand for electricity and available upstream storage tapped Lake Cascade early and dropped the water level below ramps at Boulder Creek and Donnelly, leaving Poison Creek as our only accessible launch and recovery ramp. The good news was that the low water provided lots of beautiful sand for beach camping and recreation. And, as always in the late stages of summer, the wind was light and inconsistent, peaking out at 8 knots for maybe half an hour.

One positive result of the light wind and warm temperatures was that my son Troy was able to solo on the Cub Scow and then took his new friend Logan Fiechter for a ride. Troy now wants to know when he can "sail fight." I explained that is called racing, but it does say something about his observations during regattas.

Even though we had a light turnout, we managed to enjoy great camping, dining, and social time with our fellow sailors and their families. Thanks to everyone who made the trek north for the last event at Lake Cascade.

Now it's on to C.J. Strike and with high pressure breaking down, the winds are back and yet the temperature is plenty warm. This points to a great regatta for September 6 and 7. Remember this is your next to last chance to race for the season so come on out and enjoy the sailing, the food, and the camaraderie!

SISA SAILOR LOSES PICKUP AND BOAT IN ACCIDENT ON HWY 55

Robert Sellers is one lucky man! While towing his C-22 to Cascade for the Rendezvous, his right front tire blew out sending his truck and boat over the embankment and into the Payette River just north of Banks. The truck rolled several times on its way down but Robert escaped with only a cut on his head and lots of bruises and sore muscles. His truck and boat were not so lucky as both were totaled in the accident.

Robert is recovering well and is already looking for a new boat!

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<u>DATE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>COMMITTEE</u>
Sept. 6-7, 2008	C.J. Strike Reservoir	Spurlock
Sept. 9, 2008	SISA Board Meeting , 6:00 p.m. Burger & Brew on State St.	
Sept. 27-28, 2008	C.J. Strike Reservoir End of Season Celebration	Santarone/Valasek

There's a touch of fall weather in the
air which is what makes C.J. Strike so
exciting! Come on out September 6-7
for the first C.J. adventure!



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