

The Trailer Tongue

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UPCOMING EVENTS!!!!

Lucky Peak Rendezvous, May 31—June 1:

Our first fun-sailing, picnicking, & camping weekend of the season is coming up on Saturday! The Lucky Peak Rendezvous gives everyone a chance to relax on the boat, enjoy the company of other SISA sailors, and do that first boat-camping shake-down of the summer.

The plan is for us to launch at the east end boat ramp at the Spring Shores Marina complex on Friday evening or Saturday morning. Ken DeAngelo is going up Friday to secure the campsite across the way, so if you want to launch then, Ken will be there to show you where to stay.

NOTE: Barclay Bay and Turner Gulch ramps will be closed Friday noon to Sunday noon due to the Ironman Triathlon, so parking at Spring Shores will be tight and peak launch and recovery times may get CRAZY. That said, earlier is better anyway, since the winds are generally best early on summer mornings. We'll come back and tie up at the dock for a brief skippers' meeting at 10:00 a.m. to talk about the weekend's events and to accommodate guests who want to hitch a ride.

Joel Santarone and IdaSailor Marine are providing lunch on Saturday under the trees at Spring Shores. Bring your appetites and your favorite beverages and enjoy.....Thanks, Joel!

We'll have a dock / beach party (BYOB) and a traditional SISA potluck on Saturday night at the camping area across the lake from Spring Shores. There is limited dock space but plenty of beach for boats to pull in. For those who can get out of bed early, the sailing Sunday morning should be great once again, and everyone's free to hang out all day and enjoy the lake. Just don't forget to plan ahead for your takeout to avoid the "rush hours" at the ramp. See you all there!

One more good reason to come on up to Spring Shores is to see the famous *Sea Dart*. She'll be on the dock and available to tour and to sail. If you haven't had a chance to see this well-traveled, fully restored vessel, now's your chance.

Payette Cup Regatta, June 7-8, McCall: The annual Payette Cup is always an event to remember. Given that the snow is still on the ground near the lake, this could be a legendary year! To register, go to www.mhyacht.com. SISA will be providing the *Rachel* and the Race Committee of

COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

By Commodore Dick Armstrong

Since when is it 95 degrees on Lake Lowell in mid-May while Payette Lake is half covered with ice?! It may be global warming, global cooling or just springtime in Idaho, but either way we really got nailed with mid-summer conditions including light winds at our second event at Lake Lowell. Our race chairman Tina Klamt made the most of the conditions with shortened courses and timing race starts around the ebb and flow of the wind. With wind under 4 knots on Saturday it was amusing to see Diffendaffer and Sander in a luffing duel, and almost helpful for those of us behind them.

The penalty of being over early at a start is to restart but in next-to-nothing wind the time spent in a tack and jibe for *Panacea* is huge. And just when we got up some boat speed Lindauer's Santana 23, on a properly established starboard right of way, forced yet another tack right into Mark Fiechter's O'Day 23's wind shadow. Bad just turned into worse. Being in the middle of the fleet of 11 boats in light air is when patience becomes a virtue. Sunday offered improved conditions but still remained a bit light and spotty.

Saturday's potluck took on a unique twist with the surprise merging of my family and friends with SISA for a delightful celebration of my 60th birthday. The last time we had these two groups together was 20 years ago with some of the same folks in attendance. Thank you for a great time!

Editor's Note: Thanks to Becky Armstrong for arranging for the surprise celebration at our potluck. Becky along with family and friends outdid themselves with luscious teriyaki chicken and an array of desserts that beat even the best of our regular potlucks. We had a wonderful time and enjoyed some great stories about SISA's "old days" including more than a few in which Dick had a starring role.

John & Janet Gabiola along with new member Ben Baranko from Idaho Falls. Be sure and sign up for the great beach BBQ held at Mike and Denise Daly's cabin on Saturday night, it's a beautiful venue on the water and the food is terrific.

Cascade Cup Regatta, July 5-6: This is SISA's big event for the season. Registration forms are included with this newsletter and you get a \$10 bonus discount for registering early (by June 23rd.) So don't wait, get that registration in the mail today!

KEEPING YOUR COOL AND AVOIDING “RAMP RAGE”

Contributed by Board Member Todd Monroe

We've all been there...300 boats all arriving at the docks at the same time, and an equal number sitting on trailers all trying to get down the ramp. What to do? Air horns? The lucky finger salute to everyone else? Head back out for another hour? As our valley and our beloved boating destinations continue to become more crowded, we sailors can help lead the way in making this endeavor easier for us all.

First: Never prepare your boat at the ramp...that is why there is a parking lot. Once at the ramp, you should be ready to back down, but don't forget to leave your bow strap connected until you get to the bottom of the ramp...we've all seen the guy backing down the ramp and the boat beats the trailer to the water; I don't think any of us want ramp mascara on the bottom of our boat.

So, you've made it down to the water. As you float the boat off the trailer, you need to walk the boat down the dock as far as possible from the ramp so that other people can pull in or pull out while you park your trailer. The same holds true when taking out...remain farther back on the dock until your trailer is coming down the ramp, then pull your boat forward.

Plan ahead. Be sure to have your dock lines and fenders ready before approaching the ramp area. Also, if you plan on being tied up for more than a minute or two, park your boat on the outside of the dock and leave the inside to those actually launching and recovering their boats. If the ramp is busy, be conscious of where you are in the sequence, and don't "jump the line" by grabbing an inside position on the dock when there are many rigs ahead of you up on the ramp.

Lend a hand. We've all been there before, alone or with a green crew, wondering how to pull into the dock and keep the star-board hull intact, and we've all seen the guy on the dock too busy to help. Take a second and help someone else with their boat... even those "cool" guys with the "hot" powerboats can use a hand now and then...kindness is contagious

Last but not least, remember to keep your cool. Life is short, but you'll never miss the five minutes you lost due to someone's ignorance or rudeness, but the effect of losing your cool will be long felt by other sailors if we are branded as the ones with the short fuses. If someone jumps ahead of you in line, tell them nicely that you were waiting and they took your place, that it's cool today, but next time please wait their turn just like you did. Remember, being courteous and setting a good example for other boaters may inspire someone who "just doesn't get it" to be more considerate next time.

REGATTA RESULTS MAY 16-17

First, thanks to Tina Klamt and her assistant Bob Wallace for running good races in very challenging conditions; and you have our everlasting gratitude for shortening the last race on Sunday. Between the heat, lack of wind, and the bugs, the last race felt like it was hours long!

Next, congratulations to everyone who came out on a weekend knowing that the wind was going to be light and fluky at best, the temperatures were going to soar, and there was bound to be a lot of power boats on the lake.

Finally, thanks to the Canyon Country Sheriff's officers who did an outstanding job of managing the chaos at the ramp on Sunday!

OPEN FLEET

1st Place	Keith & Lynn Sander, Mac 26
2nd Place	Dick Armstrong & Bob Entwistle, F-27
3rd Place	Ben Baranko & Linda Cise, M-16

THE SISA BOARD IS HARD AT WORK FOR YOU

The eight members of the SISA Board of Directors meet regularly to ensure the club is functioning well and meeting the needs of the members. If you're a member of SISA, either full or associate, you're always welcome to attend a Board meeting. The next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 10th, at 6:00 p.m. at The Office, a restaurant on Fairview just west of Curtis (formerly The Rendezvous and before that it was Burger and Brew).

Each meeting includes reports from the various standing committees like Race Committee, Committee Boat, Publicity, etc. as well as the monthly Treasurer's Report. Old business usually covers a report on the last regatta and planning for upcoming events like the Cascade Cup; and New Business comes from a variety of sources including SISA members.

Attending a Board meeting is a great way to get involved and get more familiar with the club. Consider yourselves invited!

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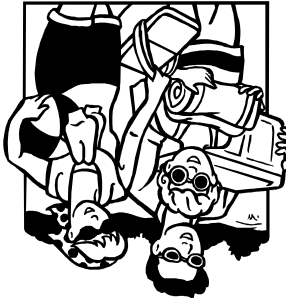
June 21-22, 2008

Regatta, Lake Cascade

July 5-6, 2008

Cascade Cup Regatta
Registration form inside!

*It's time for all you cruisers to
come out and enjoy some
SISA fun at the Lucky Peak
Rendezvous, May 31- June 1.*



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