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# The Mainsheet

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# From the Helm

**Soctt Webb,  
Commodore**

So the season is over. The boats are out of Hanna Creek, and we can only hope to get another sail in on one of our friend's boats that stay in all year. October is beautiful, with the leaves changing, and cooler temperatures. And yes, there is typically wind. Which brings us to another yearly ritual of the club: asking why the season can't be extended?

Those of us that have been around a while know the answer, but for some of the newer club members, I'll fill you in on how the State of Indiana and the Army Corps of Engineers determine our sailing season.

Somewhere in the hallowed halls of the Army Corps of Engineers, there exists a dusty old graph that shows a very distinct and predicabile line. It starts in January with the lake at "winter pool", roughly 8' below the level called the "summer pool". It stays there until around April 15th when they restrict the water leaving through the dam, and allow the lake to start to rise. On October 15th, the line takes a distinct turn downward, letting the water out, until we are back to "winter pool" again.

This sacred bit of line-work and planning is purportedly based on regulating the shipping traffic on the Ohio River. The Corps makes room for excess capacity which could be generated by snow run-off and spring rains.

And so it goes. Brookville Lake was not built for the enjoyment of sailors, and no amount of talking to the Lake Management, or the Indiana Department of Natural Resources will change the sacred graph. Subsequently, we are left with the season from May to October to enjoy our summer pastime.

This year there has been a lot of talk and rumors around the club as the season was wrapping up, that changes are coming to the lake and Hanna Creek in particular. I have heard people talking about the DNR wanting us out even earlier next year, that rates are going up, that they are not going to repair our mast hoist, and that they are going to change the parking lot rules as well. While we are still learning what is going on, I'd like to take the opportunity to let everyone know that the Board is in talks with the lake administration, looking out for our members, and using the influence of the club to protect our facility.

Our Harbormaster, David Forrester had a preliminary conversation with the new operations guy, who assured him that Hanna Creek and BLSA are very important to the lake, and welcome our



input. David, Skyp Harmon, and myself are going to meet with the operations guy and lake manager next month regarding all of our issues and the future of Hanna Creek. We will keep everyone posted. In the meantime, though sailing on Brookville Lake is mostly behind us, there are lots of opportunities for members to get together, and lots of planning to be done for next season.

The Board is interested in pursuing additional improvements to the Social Dock, working toward the construction of a shade structure over it. To that end, we are holding another silent auction this year at the Winter Banquet.

We have been very successful the two times we have done this before, raising enough money for the small boat dock & social dock through the generosity of our members, donating & bidding on donated items. You can donate anything. In the past we have had no longer needed boat items and sailing décor, but also personal donations: Annie and I offered a “most pretentious dinner” in our home. Similarly, Dan Cajacob offered an evening of Sarah’s traditional Puerto Rican cuisine. Ron Stevens offered a professional family photograph. The Franks offered a week in their place in Florida. Maybe this year Barry will offer a ride in his new sports car....

Just putting it out there, Barry.

Not only are these great ways to generate money for special projects for the Club, but can also lead to new experiences, and the opportunity to connect with your friends over the winter. Be creative in thinking about what you might donate, and bring lots of money to buy treasures (we can take credit cards).

Thanks as always to our Board, and to Nicole for putting the winter celebration together. See you at the banquet.

**Scott**



# Social News

**Nicole Holtkamp,  
Social Director**

The social season is finally winding down. The Chili Cook-off was at Kent's on October 14th at 6pm. The chili competition has gotten more creative over the years, and this year we gave out three Golden Ladle awards, based on votes by party attendees: Phil and Laurie Mayleben (Mat Hatter) won Best Traditional Chili, while Barry and Jan Brierly (Loon III) won Best Non-Traditional Chili. The award for Best Overall Chili went to Matt and Angela Cunningham (Compass Rose).

*Editor's note; to give credit where it's due, that chili was all Angela's handiwork; I was just the taste tester and crock-pot hauler! - Matt*



There is only one more event this year: the Annual End of Year Celebration. Come and bid farewell to the 2017 season with our End of Year Celebration. As we did last year, we'll hold the celebration at the Hueston Woods Lodge on November 11th. Social hour starts at 6pm, and dinner will be served at 7pm. Check your recent emails from BLSA for the registration form; please fill it out, select your meal for the evening, and send it back to me with your payment.

**What is coming up....**

**November 11th – Year-End Celebration**



# Buy-a-Board campaign continues

In 2016, BLSA launched a unique fundraiser to help pay for the club's new social dock. The Buy-a-Board campaign gave club members the opportunity to "adopt" the social dock, you guessed it, one board at a time. Thanks to this campaign, we were able to defray a portion of the costs of what has become a central gathering spot for after-sail conversation, cookouts and parties that stretch late into the night.

So we're going to do it again! This year's buy-a-board campaign will go to support the ongoing development of Hanna Creek Marina as a place where sailors can gather and enjoy each other's company.

Please use the form below to submit your "adoption papers;" we will collect orders until the End-of-Year Celebration on November 11. your commemorative plaque will join those already mounted on the social dock's bench; (if we run out of room there, perhaps we'll move to the bar that was added this year).

Thanks in advance; this is a direct, unique way to make sure our club can provide the services members want now and into the future.

# Buy a Board!

For just **\$25.00** you can:  
 Show your support for BLSA with your boat name or message on your board.

(2) lines of Text  
 Max. 20 characters each line (including spaces)

Be a part of Hanna Creek History

Talk to a Board Member or Mail your check & Form Below to:

**Brookville Lake SAILING ASSOCIATION**  
 c/o Nelson Mead  
 2223 Wolfangel Rd.  
 Cincinnati, OH 45244

Fill in the form below to personalize your board (one letter or space per box)

First Line of Text

Second Line of Text

# Race Report

**Skyp Harmon,  
Race Director**

Hi BLSA! I just returned from Hana Creek parking lot, where I went to retrieve the safety boat. I will be winterizing it and taking it to Paul Hemker's shop for covering and storage for the winter. Thanks to Paul for storing it for us.

Got my blood pressure up a little while I was over there I went to check on our new boat Eclipse planning on doing some work on her bottom this weekend. Knowing her beam is 11ft and the parking spots are only 10ft wide Jana and I rented two #37&38 thinking 20ft spot 11ft wide boat plenty of room to work. When I got there, I found a large house boat in spot #39 encroaching 3 or 4 feet into my spot within a foot of my boat. I made an unplanned stop at the park office on my way home with the safety boat to let them know my displeasure probably had a little smoke coming from my ears!



Well enough of this ranting, on to racing. I am pleased with how the season went: we sailed 11 Regattas totaling over 30 races, most with fairly good wind. There were very few mishaps on the race course, and everything was handled in a friendly manor; no formal protests! Thank you BLSA racers; that made my job much more pleasurable. We had fairly good participation, with ten boats racing in a few Regattas and races running 40 minutes on the average.



We ended the year with the PIG REGATTA which I rescheduled because of light air, only to find light air the following weekend. We still managed to get in 4 races and the Pig was won by a visiting boat who schooled us on light air sailing.

The following weekend I combined our last two regattas into Sailpaloosa: Saturday we sailed the Lauger Regatta first and followed up with a distance race for the Dirty Bottom Regatta, to finish the season with 10 boats sailing and good air. It was a great end to the season!

If you have any suggestions or ideas you would like to share let me know, as we will be planning the 2018 season after the first of the year. If you enjoyed the season spread the word about BLSA racing; we need new members and new racers!

Thanks for your participation and comradery; it has been fun!

**Skyp**

## ***Wanted: Sailing Treasures for Silent Auction***

Dig into your closets, take a look at your special talents, skills, and gifts you love to share, and contribute to this year's BLSA Silent Auction!.

Whether you donate gently used sailing gear, a fancy dinner hosted at your house, a ride in your sports car (Barry?) or some other unique gift, you will play a major role in helping the club make our next round of improvements to our shared social space at Hanna Creek.

Please contact Nicole Holtkamp as soon as possible so that she can include your item in the listings. Items that can be transported will be displayed for bid at the Year-End Celebration.

Contact Nicole at (859) 609-3590 or [NHoltkamp@CastelliniCompany.com](mailto:NHoltkamp@CastelliniCompany.com)



# *Harbormaster's Report*

*Dave Forester,  
Harbormaster*

As you've read in this edition of The Mainsheet, the BLSA Board is planning a silent auction to fund the shade over the Social Dock. I want to share a picture of a shade sail installation similar to what we are considering.

Our shade would be made using galvanized poles with a marine blue shade cover, designed to blend in with the sailboat masts and blue sail covers currently at Hanna Creek. A long picnic table, built using lumber offcuts saved from the social dock construction in 2016, will be installed under the shade for all dock holders to use on hot summer days.



The vision for this structure is that it will become the club's hub for social interaction on the docks. Our hope is that the shaded social dock will become a natural social magnet, fostering a more connected community and energizing our club in the process.

I've already gotten preliminary approval from the park's management, now it's our membership's turn. If you would like to see our club make these enhancements to the social dock, join your fellow members and donate an item (or multiple items!) for the silent auction, or purchase a plaque (or more than one plaque!) in our ongoing Buy-a-Board campaign.

## **Indiana Department of Natural Resources (IDNR):**

Mounds Park Office 765-647-2657

DNR Customer Service Center:

Phone: (317) 232-4200 or (877) 463-6367.

Mailing address: 402 West Washington Street, Room W160A, Indianapolis.

# Classifieds

Contact Matt ([mcunningham78@gmail.com](mailto:mcunningham78@gmail.com)) to submit boats, parts or services for sale.



## **Catalina 25 Water Ballast - 1996**

Original owner, always stored inside, trailer, electric start outboard, enclosed head, pop-top canvas enclosure with windows and screen, galley sink, single butane burner, 10 gallon water tank, large cooler, navigation and cabin lights, completely equipped in sail away condition, \$15,800. Contact Max Keck (513) 236-7648.



## **Seaward 23 diesel - 1997**

Diesel inboard with <300hrs. Wheel steering. Trailer with surge brakes. Big sail locker. Very well maintained and stored indoors. Plenty of extras. Currently listed at \$13,999. Rare trailerable boat with a diesel.

Contact Blaise Gatto: [bg777001@ohio.edu](mailto:bg777001@ohio.edu)



## **Freedom 29 - 1985**

1985 Freedom 29' (no trailer). \$22,000. Sailed in fresh water only. Head and shower, kitchen, sleeps 6, sails in good condition (spinnaker included), boat refurbished 3 years ago. Will deliver."

Call Paul @ 937-437-726

## **Catalina 22 Wing Keel**

Well maintained trailer sailer owned by former BLSA harbormaster. On the hard at Hanna Creek. For more information, contact John: 513-558-8507

## **Soda blasting service**

Fred and Mike have decided to offer bottom hull blasting with baking soda at a discount for BLSA members. Fred has owned a media blasting company and still has the equipment. Anyone interested give them a call or message for info. It's fast and clean.

Contact Mike - (812) 599-2776 or Fred - 812-599-5356