



Jibs & Jibes

SUMMER / FALL EDITION

2023

***Official Newsletter of the
Webster Sailing Association***



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From the Helm

**By Tom Pezzella,
WSA Commodore**



Despite the rainy weekends, WSA had a very successful season. There were plenty of nice sailing days, and we got all our races in.

We welcomed new members, formed a "ship" with the Sea Scouts, and made several needed improvements on the property, including docks and a kayak rack. A special thanks to Josh Hines who replaced all the ceiling lights in the Anchorage.

At a well-attended fall work party, a dedicated crew cleared the entire perimeter fence of brush & vines. Thanks for your efforts! And as always, our sincere thanks to Norm Cloutier for providing his truck, trailer, and bobcat.

A successful derigging day ended with a comfy campfire, and the yard is full for winter storage, putting us in a great, comfortable, financial position.

Wishing you all a warm holiday season, and the happiest of New Year,

***Tom Pezzella
Commodore***

WSA Executive Committee Announcements

2023 WSA OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES



Commodore
Senior Vice Commodore
Executive Committee

Tom Pezzella
Bob Gurlitz
Lee Amodeo, Dr. Kringle Daly, Phil Bastien, Charlie Farber,
Josh Hines, Norman Cloutier, Doug Kenyon, John Czebatar,
Ken Spindola, John Colby, Lewis Wolfenson,
Jonathan Chalmers

Webster Phone Numbers

911	Any Emergency
508-943-2218	Medical Services (EMT & Ambulance)
508-943-1212	Police
508-949-3875	Fire
508-949-3861	Water / Sewer
508-340-5189	Animal Control
508-949-3861	Highway
508-987-8190	Hazard Marine
508-461-6020	Lakeview Marine
508-943-7525	Post Office
508-943-0404	Point Breeze Restaurant
508-943-2222	Waterfront Mary's
508-943-3871	Indian Ranch
508-943-1639	Samuel Slater's Restaurant
508-949-0000	The Lodge Restaurant
508-949-8888	Eighty Ates Restaurant

WSA End of the Season Updates (10/23)

As always happens in New England, the seasons are changing, even though we are past mid October and have not had a frost. The gardens are still growing with much less to no yield than normal... The Farmer's Almanac predicts we will have a mild but snowy winter. We are not there yet, and yes there is still a bit of time left for sailing!!!

Winter Storage:

If you plan to participate in winter storage and have not yet sent in your form please notify me ASAP. For all those who have sent in forms or have sent emails stating your forms are in the mail, they have been received and your checks will be processed shortly.

Fall Work Part:

Our fall work party is a week and a half away on October 28th at 9am. This is when we take out the docks and ready the club for the winter .We will also be trimming things back and making things easier for the spring. **If we need a rain date, it will be Saturday November 4th, not October 31st as stated in the calendar on the website.** (Let's hope the rain is over after this weekend) As always, we always thank Norm for the use of his Bobcat and dump trailer. We may have an additional work party to build picnic tables or enclose the covered patio, TBD...

DeRigging Day:

DeRigging day is on **Saturday November 11th.** **My previous email had the wrong date.** Thanks to those who pointed out what I fat fingered. This is a day where members help other members de-rig their boats for the season.This was well received last fall and this spring so we will continue to do this. Any feedback on this event is invited and appreciated... This is a relatively new event for WSA.

End of the Season:

If you are not participating in winter storage, you need to remove your boat from the grounds no later than November 30th. ALL personal items must be removed from the Anchorage by November 30th as well. **This includes all items in the sail loft and all gas cans in the bin. The sail loft will be cleaned and decluttered this December after the season ends. All personal items including sails, rudders, etc left in the sail loft after December 1st are subject to disposal. The intent is to clear out some of the items that do not belong to anyone.**

Best Regards,
Josh Hines
WSA Grounds Committee Chairman

WSA 2023 RACING RESULTS



July 4th Trophy Race:

1st Place – Jonathan Chalmers

2nd Place – Dick Kennedy

3rd Place – kryngle Daly



Craver Memorial Race:

1st Place – Jonathan Chalmers

2nd Place – Lee Amodeo

3rd Place – Henry Neeser



Phil Nims Memorial Race:

1st Place – Phil Bastien

2nd Place – Josh Hines

3rd Place – Jonathan Chalmers



Kenyon Series:

1st Place – Phil Bastien

2nd Place – Jonathan Chalmers

3rd Place – Lee Amodeo

Sunfish Regatta Race:

1st Place – Dick Kennedy

2nd Place – Josh Hines

3rd Place – Jonathan Chalmers



Point Breeze Regatta Race:

1st Place – Josh Hines

2nd Place – Phil Bastien

3rd Place – Jonathan Chalmers

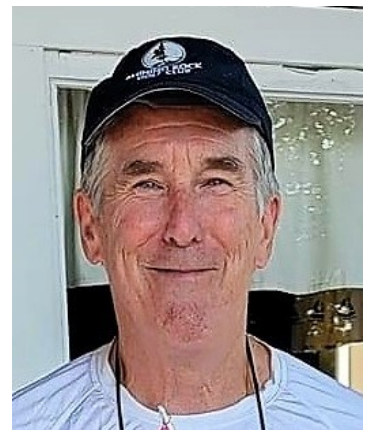


Nancy (Trull) Boyd Award

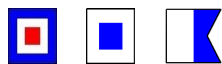
The award is named in honor of Nancy Trull Boyd - she was one of the early members and the wife of Bill Boyd (the first treasurer of W.S.A.).

The award is presented to a member who the race committee nominates as the most improved sailor of the season. This award is not won and is presented only in the years that a sailor shows

improved sailing and racing skills. This years award goes to...



DICK KENNEDY





WSA & Lake News

Any news or events that are WSA or lake related.

Webster Fire / Rescue Water Training

Firefighters working on their full face mask and dry suit certification at the lake.



New additions at the Anchorage

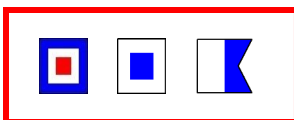
New at WSA is the addition of our storage rack for canoes and kayaks during the summer months. Not only are these for WSA members, but will be advertised as a service for all lake users.



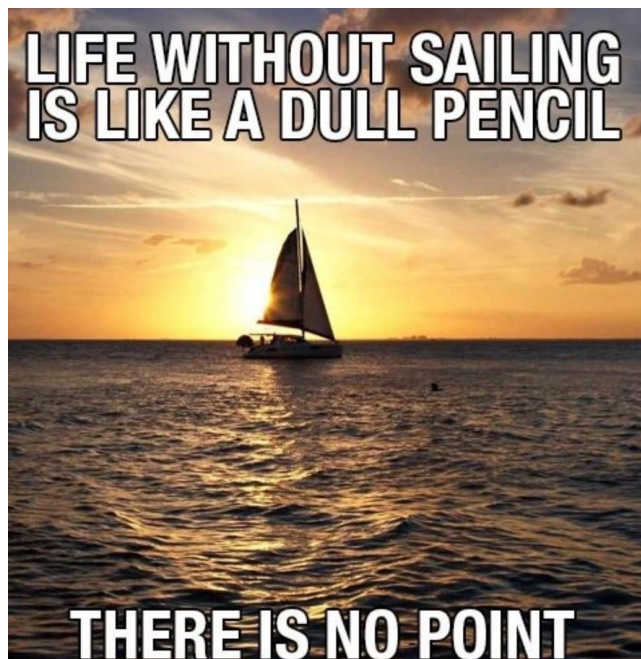
The other new addition will be replacing our old wooden picnic tables with new lighter ones. Additional tables will be purchased next season.

Congratulations to WSA member Kryngle Daly!

Kryngle has always played a crucial role in racing the 12 meter yacht “Nefertiti” off the coast of Newport, RI. This year he had a new role in keeping Nefertiti competitive during this summer’s racing. During the start of a race, the initial battling for positioning is key. One important factor is not to go over the starting line prior to the start. Nefertiti’s new strategy in slowing the boat down prior to reaching the starting line is Kryngle... the “Human anchor” !



They had to put
up a sign at the
boat ramp?
REALLY?



LIFE WITHOUT SAILING
IS LIKE A DULL PENCIL

THERE IS NO POINT

WSA Photo Gallery



SPRING BANQUET



OPENING WORK PARTY



RIGGING DAY



JULY 4TH



JUST SAILING



FRIENDS & FAMILY COOKOUT



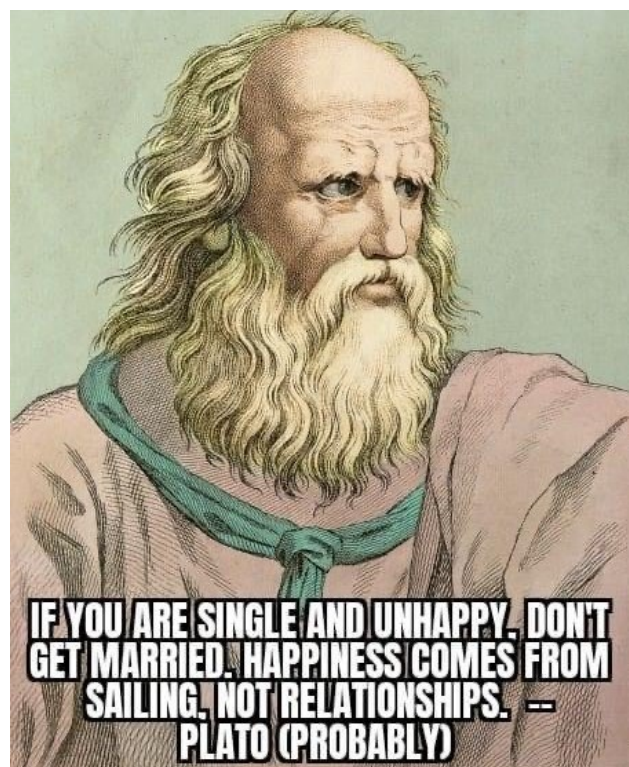
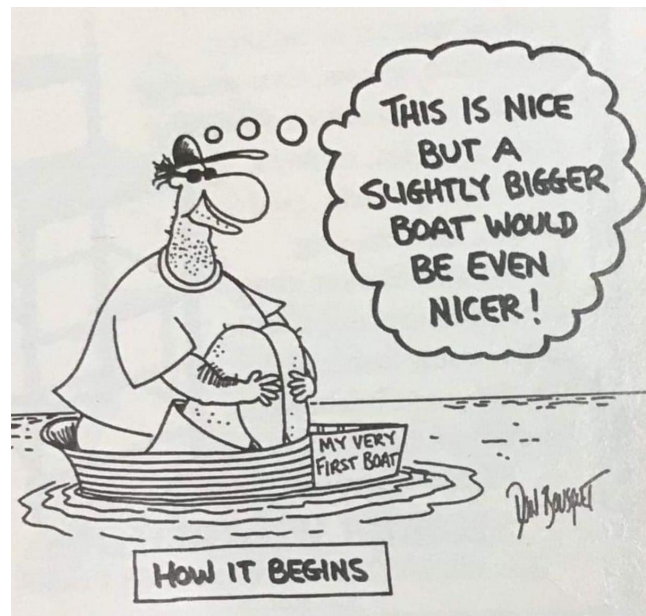
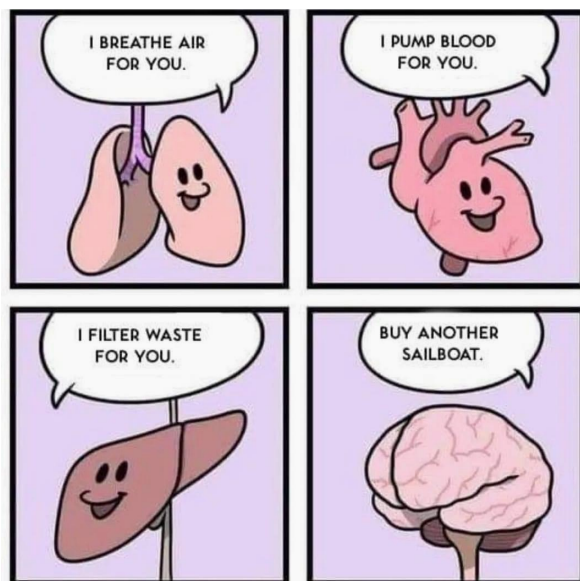
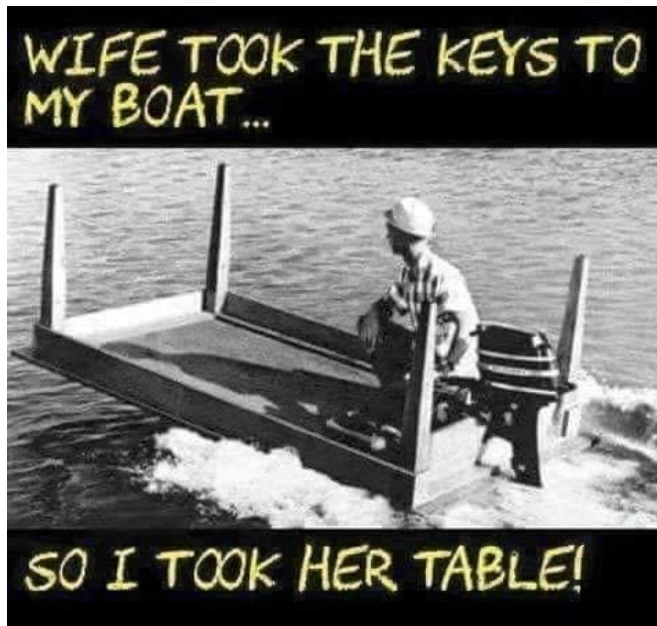
CLOSING WORK PARTY

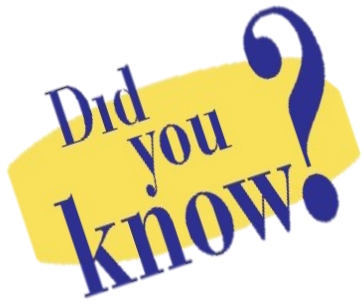


DE-RIGGING DAY



ON THE LIGHTER SIDE...





This section is for information or interesting articles for the education of our members.

WINTER ON WEBSTER LAKE

Jimmy Ducharme

Among the winter activities on Webster Lake in the mid-sixties was the Sunday car races. Waterfront Mary's was a popular place to park and walk out onto the ice to watch and take pictures. All you needed was a set of 4 studded



snow tires and keys to the family car if you wanted to participate on the plowed oval track. For an add effect, one could disconnect the muffler, roll down the windows, take a bottle of white shoe polish and write a number on the door and pretend your name was Dale or Mario. Some of the

braver spectators found boat ramps in the area and parked right on the ice.

If you came a day earlier, you would find the track being used by motorcyclists who would spend hours studding their tires from the inside with stove bolts, washers and nuts.



The ice fishermen would pull their sled to a nice quite cove to avoid the ice boats in the middle of the pond. The skaters would go to Memorial Beach where a giant ice rink was plowed.

Changes take place slowly over time. I can't remember the last time I saw vehicles parked where I sail.

Members Blog

This section is for members to share their thoughts, questions, opinions and stories.

Masons' Benjamin Hurd Service Medal Award

Our WSA Treasurer, Norm Cloutier, received the Masons Benjamin Hurd Service Medal Award. The Masons is one of Norm's organizations near and dear to his heart. The following is an article from the Charlton Villager.

CONGRADULATIONS NORM!

Local men receive prestigious Service Medal Award BY BRO.

JIMMY FALZONE

QUINEBAUG MASONIC LODGE S O U T H B R I D G E — On Oct. 17,

"The Quinebuag Masonic Lodge in Southbridge, was packed full of family, friends, and dignitaries from the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts. The Most Excellent Ernest A. Bean, Grand High Priest of Massachusetts, along with his officers arrived to give two worthy local men a surprise of their life. The two men of the Southbridge Doric Chapter of Royal Arch Masons are the recipients of the Benjamin Hurd Service Medal, which is the highest honor and award given by the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts. The two local Doric Chapter of Royal Arch Masons are Excellent Norman Cloutier of Southbridge, a Master Mason for 42 years and Excellent Gary Clifford of Sturbridge, a Master Mason for 23 years. This Benjamin Hurd Distinguished Service Medal was given to the two Southbridge, Doric Chapter of Royal Arch Masons for exemplary and distinguished service who go above and beyond the call of duty in the Fraternity, and the community.

Here is a brief history of the Southbridge Doric Chapter of Royal Arch Masons. Back in 1867 it was originally started at Webster Ma. Sonic Lodge and was called the first Webster Chapter of Royal Arch Masons. In 1871 the Webster Chapter voted to move the meeting place from Webster to the Southbridge Quinebuag Masonic Lodge. In 1872 The Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts was asked to approve a merger and a vote was taken. The name of this new Chapter shall henceforth be called Doric Chapter of Royal Arch Masons."

A newbie's 1st impression

My first experience owning a sailboat was very successful due to the many members who have helped me with the many lines and how to use them. I began using only the main sail and eventually the jib. I greatly benefited from rigging days and the many lessons on how to sail my 16 day sailer. I look forward to the next season and participating in club activities. Seasons Greetings to all.

Nat Reisner



De-Rigging Gratitude

Thanks to all for organizing and helping make de-rigging day happen! And especially those who helped me in spot #45... the buccaneer! (you know I needed it!). See you all next season!

Best,

Rodger Burkley (and daughter Lauren!)*

De-rigging day at the club. What a process. 3 guys on top, 1 managing main sheet, 1 in rear with crutch to "catch" it; and me trying to direct traffic! Thank you for all the help..

Kim Otis

End of the sailing season....Last Boat floating



WSA Classified Ads:



For Sale

1982 O'Day 15-2 Sailboat with trailer.

Asking \$950

**WSA member - Jim Ducharme
508-476-4474.**

boat loa 14.9'

beam 5.9'

displacement 350 lbs.

sails are nice and crisp

Trailer is a Highlander with front jack and new winch and strap.

Presently stored inside, can be seen anytime.

Storage until spring can be arranged.



Additional Item for the classified section...

WSA Classified Ads:

Items for sale, for free, or available services



FOR SALE 15' Chrysler Mutineer for only \$395.

Appears to be complete. Has mast ,boom
rudder, center board, main, and roller furling.
There is NO trailer but will deliver for free to any
WSA member within Worc. county.

Can also store inside until spring for a fee.
If interested, call Jim Ducharme (WSA member)
at 508-476-4474 to see.
Price will double in spring.



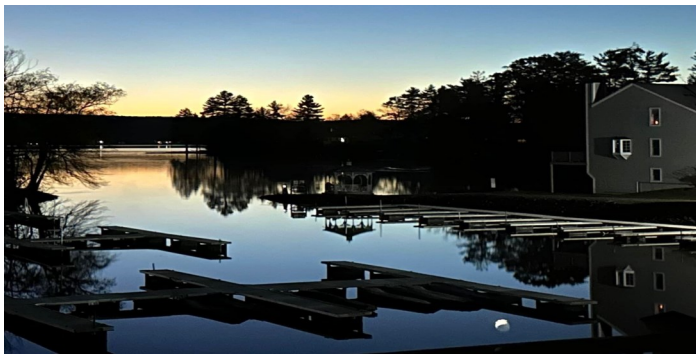
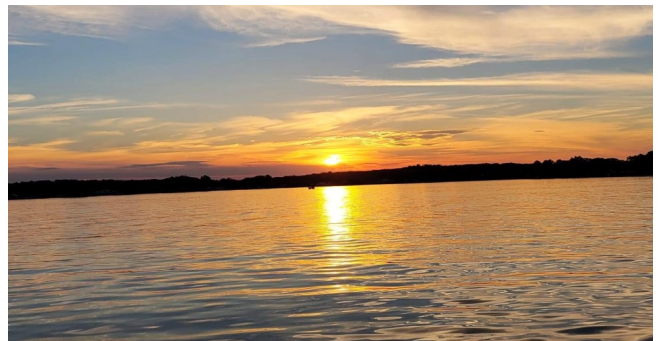
ODAY 19 Weekender 4 Sale

1981 Oday Weekender Sailboat for Sale. 19' with swing center board.
Shallow draft , floats in 10" of water. Kick up rudder. Recently refurbished,
Clean inside and out. Ready to sail.
Standing Rigging inspected & replaced as needed. CDI furler and Supersail
Maker Genoa included. Cushions , Porta potty, bumpers, anchors and more
Included with sale. 2.5 Suzuki Long Shaft Outboard goes with boat.
Trailer cleaned up, sanded , painted . New tires on rims, New 2" coupler.
Current Mass registration and title in hand. Asking \$3200. Will consider
Other offers without furler or motor.
Call or email: Kim 413-427-6024. Kimotis117@gmail.com
Thanks for looking..



THE DIFFERENT LOOKS OF OUR LAKE





SEE YOU NEXT YEAR!

