



Jibs & Jibes

WINTER EDITION 2022-23

*Official Newsletter of the
Webster Sailing Association*



IN THIS ISSUE...

- From the Helm
Commodore's Message
- Executive Committee
Coast Guard 2023 Classes
- WSA & Lake News
Blast from the Past—Doug &
Kathie Kenyon Racing
Firepit Wood
Power Washer Donation—
Kevin & Diane Clark
Christmas Boat
- Did You Know!!!
The Nims Trophy
Dealing with Dirty Sails
- On The Lighter Side...
- WSA Photo Gallery
- Members' Blog
- Classified



From the Helm

By Tom Pezzella,
WSA Commodore



Happy holidays to you all!

Since I have just written to the members recently, this will be short. However, I'd like to reiterate once again what one of our members had said to me... WSA is not only a place for recreation, but felt that he has made new, real friends here, and that he cherishes those relationships. This has always been my goal as Commodore, that all WSA members would feel the same way about our Association.

I wish everyone to having a safe and enjoyable Holiday and a Happy New Year. As soon as you get settled in for the cold weather, Spring will be knocking at the door!!!. This winter, while sitting in your living room, if any ideas come to your mind for our Association, please let me know or any of the executive committee members.

Again, Happy Holidays!!!

*Regards,
Tom Pezzella
Commodore*

WSA Executive Committee Announcements

2022 WSA OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

Commodore Tom Pezzella
Senior Vice Commodore Bob Gurlitz
Executive Committee Lee Amodeo, Dr. Kringle Daly, Phil Bastien, Charlie Farber, Josh Hines, Bob Ciabaszewski, Norman Cloutier, Doug Kenyon, John Czebotar, Ken Spindola, John Colby, Lewis Wolfenson



FROM JOHN COLBY (Safety Officer)

SPRING / SUMMER BOATING CLASSES

The Coast Guard is holding their Spring/Summer boating classes. The boating class forms had been emailed to everyone. For additional information or signing up contact

John. colbyjohn@charter.net **GREAT REFRESHER COURSE OR FOR THOSE TAKING IT FOR THE FIRST TIME...A MUST!!!**

U.S. Department of Homeland Security
United States Coast Guard Auxiliary
**U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary**
Promoting Boating Safety and Stewardship since 1939
(<http://cgaux.org>)
Flotilla 10-1, Worcester, MA
(<http://worcestertflotilla.org>)

U.S. Department of Homeland Security
United States Coast Guard Auxiliary
**U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary**
Promoting Boating Safety and Stewardship since 1939
(<http://cgaux.org>)
Flotilla 10-1, Worcester, MA
(<http://worcestertflotilla.org>)

Spring / Summer 2023 Boating Classes **"Boat America"**

This basic course is designed for students aged 12 through adult.
Course meets all the requirements of NASBLA.
(National Association of Boating Law Administrators)
Upon completion USCGAux & Mass. E. P. License will be issued.
Massachusetts Junior Operator license included.

Topics Include: Types of boats, boating laws, required safety equipment, navigation on the water, boating problems, and trailering your boat.
Live Demonstrations • Questions Answered

ONE DAY CLASSES on SATURDAY
April 15th, May 20th, June 17th, July 15th
TIME: 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Holden Chapel Community Room
279 Reservoir Street
Holden, MA 01520
COST: \$45.00/pp

Many Insurance companies will provide discounts on boating insurance to boaters who complete the above class.

To Register Contact:

Robert Bentley, Public Education Officer (617) 913-5553

OR

wr Bentley-uscgau@yahoo.com

For more information, visit our website: www.worcestertflotilla.org

Please Print Clearly **Class Registration Form**

Title of Class: _____ Cost: \$45.00

Date of Course: _____

Full Legal Name: _____ D.O.B. _____

Hair: _____ Eye Color _____ Gender: _____

Address: _____ City/Town _____

Zip Code: _____

Telephone: _____ Cell: _____

Email Address: _____

How did you find out about the course? _____

Mail form and \$45.00 to:

Robert Bentley, FSO-PE
P.O. Box 883
Barre, MA 01005
wr Bentley-uscgau@yahoo.com

***Make check payable to: USCG AUX FL10-01**

Once registered, course text will be mailed to you.

Please sign: _____



WSA & Lake News

Any news or events that are WSA or lake related.

BLAST FROM THE PAST...

From Dick Kennedy

Dick submitted this article from the [DaySailor Quarterly](#) archives for our newsletter on WSA's Doug and Kathie Kenyon. This is a great story for the new WSA members and for others, to reminisce and remember the 1983 N.E. Championship on Webster Lake...

THE 1983 NEW ENGLAND CHAMPIONSHIPS

By Fred Peterson

They said it couldn't be done, but at Lake Webster in Webster, Massachusetts, on June 18 and 19, Doug and Kathie Kenyon did the impossible -- in a Day Sailer II; --they won the New England Championship against the toughest kind of competition.

In the light, variable, and often non-existent winds, high humidity and baking sun, the fleet was able



to complete only three races, but Doug and Kathie scored a first and two seconds to lead defending champions and '1983 North American Champions John Todd and Bob Adam by two points and to leave the other trophy winners behind by ten to fifteen points.

The new champions should be formidable competitors in the North Americans in August.

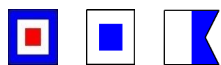




it was a shame that Mother Nature refused to produce enough wind to sail the planned

six races, but all the sailors were delighted with the warm hospitality and efficient

management of Bob Blaisdell, the organizer of the regatta, the Race Committee, and the many members of the Webster Sailing Association who helped in a myriad of ways to make the 1983 New Englands a delightful event.



FIREPIT WOOD

Wood wanted!!! To continue enjoying our firepit through the season, those that have access to wood are asked to help. Anytime through the season feel free to build up our wood supply at the Anchorage.



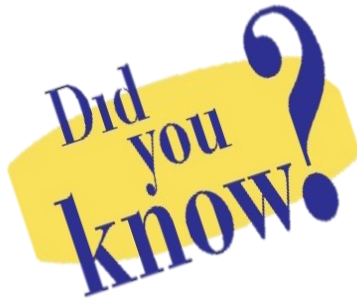
POWER WASHER DONATION



WSA owes a huge thank you to Kevin & Diane Clark for their donation of a new DeWalt 3,000 psi gas power washer. It will be invaluable in cleaning the Anchorage, furniture, and all your boats and trailers. It should give us many years of service if taken care of properly. If you are not sure of how to start, run, or shut it off, please ask Josh or Tom. Check oil & gas before use. It uses straight gas, from the gas can labeled "WSA lawnmower" . Thanks for your generosity, Kevin & Diane!

SEASONS GREETINGS From Kryngle Daly





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

THE NIMS TROPHY

By Bob Gurlitz

The trophy is in honor of Phil Nims , he was one of the original founders of W.S.A. and was one of the 3 signers of the W.S.A. Trust - which raised the funds for the purchase of the Anchorage.

Alis Nims (Phil's wife) was the first and only the secretary of W.S.A. since it's founding and up until she was well into her 90's .(This spanned the time from 1935 into the early 2000's)

The Anchorage has a plaque that names the building "The Alis Nims Memorial Hall "

Both Alis & Phil were deeply involved in W.S.A. Without them and the other founding members there would not be a W.S.A. today

DEALING WITH DIRTY SAILS

Practical  **Sailor**

Of course, you could drop your sail off at your local sailmaker and, for a fee, they'll do a good job. However, you can clean most stains yourself. Just be sure to set aside enough time. You also will need a large work area, and ideally, some way to soak the sail, or portions of it. We've found an inflatable baby pool works pretty well, but so will a dinghy full of clean water.

Be aware that some sailcloth materials (Kevlar and nylon in particular) are sensitive to certain substances—chlorine bleach and acetone, to name those most damaging. While Dacron holds up to mild doses of bleach, spinnakers and light-air sails made of nylon are particularly vulnerable. If you expose Kevlar or nylon to bleach—say you decide to rinse the sails in an ordinary swimming pool (which we sometimes do with our Dacron sails)—they can lose up to 90 percent of their original strength.

Mildew stains are the toughest to deal with, but the DIY "Formula B" can tackle even the dirtiest jobs.

What works on sails, also works on canvas. Knee pads and a carpet cleaner to extract stains make the job easier.

1 quart hot water

2 tablespoons baking soda

2 tablespoons Borax 1 tablespoon [TSP Cleaner](#) (trisodium phosphate)

Although spot cleaning is effective on stubborn stains, pre-soaking is the key. As with an laundry project, soaking in warm water (~105-degrees, hot-tub temperature), makes cleaning easier. It is always better to soak for longer rather than to use stronger chemicals, since the cloth is not affected by long soaking times at a safe pH, but the stain will slowly vanish. The solution will lose its effectiveness after 3-8 hours.

If you prefer an off-the-shelf mildew cleaner for spot treatment, Starbrite's Canvas and Sail Cleaner performed well in our test. We had mixed results with various mildew removers on sails in our 2009 test of [mildew removers](#). Many of these contain bleach in higher concentrations, so check the label for concentration. Frankly, we found none of these to perform noticeably better than Formula B when we allowed the sail to soak.

When you've finished cleaning, always rinse the sail liberally with fresh water. And, if you hang your sails to dry, do so at a time when it's not windy. If a sail is left to flog or flutter, you can do more harm than good. Remember, sails are composed of fibers, and the more back and forth bending those fibers have to endure, the more quickly they'll lose their strength.

Because stains vary, there is non one-size-fits-all solution. For rust stains, we liked CLR. Dilute 20:1 with freshwater, soak for up to 15 minutes, and rinse. For extra measure, you could buy pH strips (at pet or pool stores) to monitor the pH, particularly with nylon.

For surface dirt on polyester sails and canvas, we like Formula B; it kills mildew and leaves an inhibiting residue. For mildew and algae stains we like all of the oxygen bleach products (such as Oxiclean). The formula CS-530 may have a slight edge in soil removal, but frugal sailors will want to save this for a last-ditch attempt.

For washing your sails, most sailmakers recommend using mild soap and water, and avoiding anything abrasive. Use a soft brush, if necessary, to loosen dirt. For dirt or stains that are more deeply embedded, you may need to soak the sail, so you'll have to locate some kind of large container, depending upon the size of the soiled area. (This is the time to requisition your kids' inflatable swimming pool.) Avoid cleaners that contain biodegradable organic components that may become mildew food—most liquid laundry detergents have this failing, and actually encourage mildew regrowth.

Rust stains respond well to CLR. After soaking and cleaning with an oxygenated bleach and leaving in the sun for three hours, these stains virtually disappeared. (Photo by Drew Frye).

For spot cleaning of rust stains, a 20:1 solution of [Multi-use CLR](#) (or a similar formula) seemed to be the most effective in our testing. CLR is one of the essentials recommended for our cost-effective [one-bucket cleaning kit](#). Dilute 20:1 with freshwater, soak for up to 15 minutes, and rinse. For extra measure, you could buy pH strips (at pet or pool stores) to monitor the pH, particularly with nylon.

Rust stains respond well to CLR. After soaking and cleaning with an oxygenated bleach and leaving in the sun for three hours, these stains virtually disappeared. (Photo by Drew Frye).

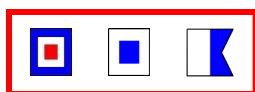
For spot cleaning of rust stains, a 20:1 solution of [Multi-use CLR](#) (or a similar formula) seemed to be the most effective in our testing. CLR is one of the essentials recommended for our cost-effective [one-bucket cleaning kit](#). Dilute 20:1 with freshwater, soak for up to 15 minutes, and rinse. For extra measure, you could buy pH strips (at pet or pool stores) to monitor the pH, particularly with nylon.

The trick is to reduce the pH far enough to dissolve the metal oxide without damaging the cloth. Nylon is vulnerable to strong acids, literally dissolving before your eyes in battery acid, so nothing with a pH of less than 3 should be used. Polyester and other fabrics are less vulnerable, but we like to keep the pH above 3 because nylon thread can always sneak in.

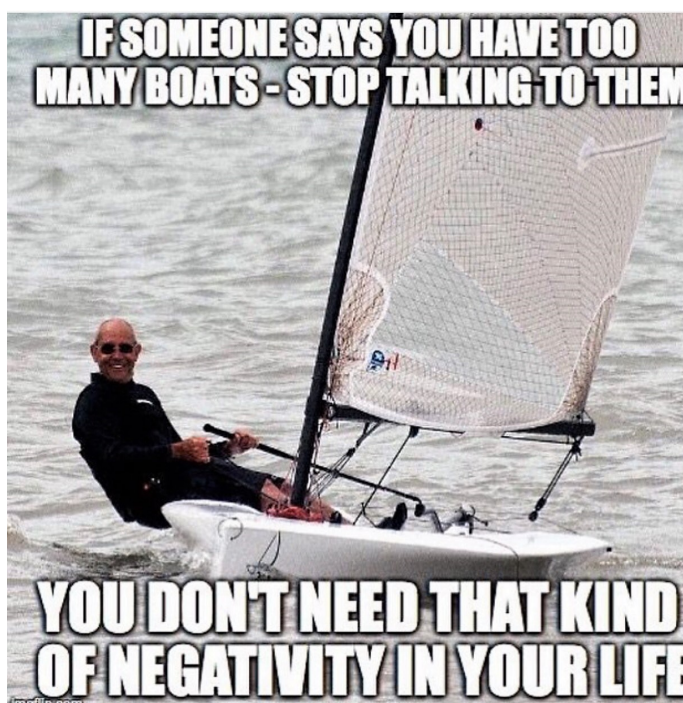
Mildew is a more common enemy. Although some sailmakers advise a diluting a 5.25-percent solution of sodium hypochlorite, this always comes with capital letter cautions like this one from [North Sails' advice on cleaning mildew stains](#): "DO NOT use BLEACH on KEVLAR or NYLON, EVER, UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES! We have seen people poke their fingers easily through spinnakers rinsed in chlorine-treated swimming pools."

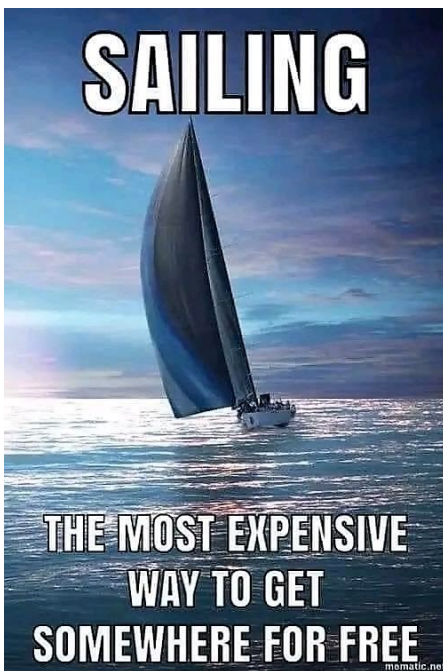
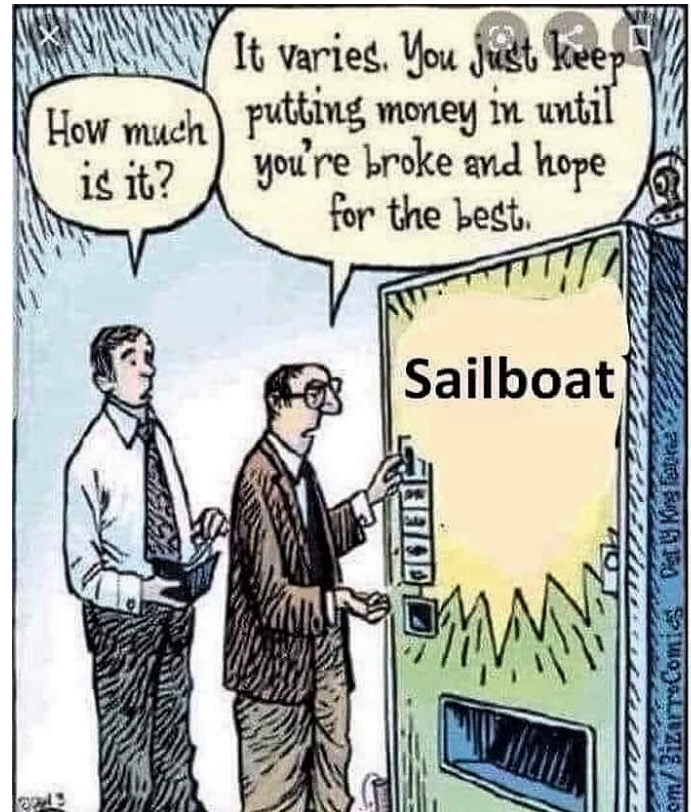
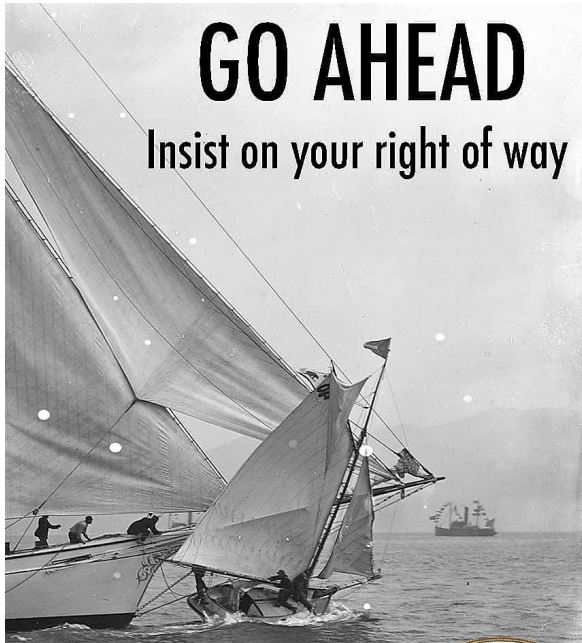
Our own recommendation is to use an oxygen bleach such as [Oxiclean](#), which also [works well with rope](#). These types of bleaches generate an uncharged radical that can permeate through the film faster than the larger hypochlorous or borate ions found in other types of bleach. Also, these oxygen bleaches are less aggressive to the fabric than the other types.

After spot cleaning and soaking, be sure to rinse thoroughly and allow to dry in the sun. Often it is this last bit—exposure to sun—that does the final whitening. It seems that the oxygen bleach weakens enough bonds that a half-day in the sun can often finish the job to perfection. They need drying time anyway, and the sun will safely finish your work.



ON THE LIGHTER SIDE...

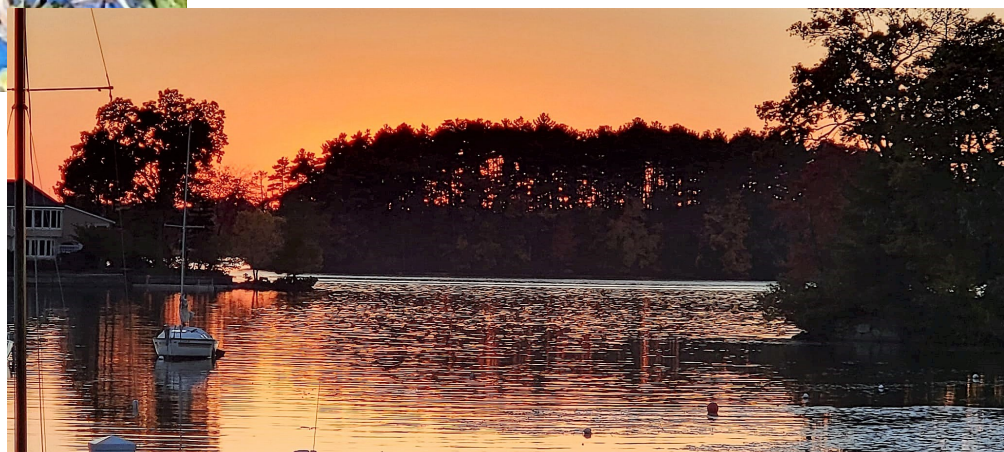




WSA Photo Gallery



Fall Sailing







Firepit Gathering



De-Rigging Day



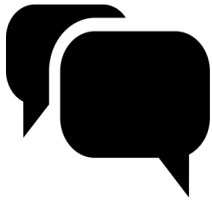


WSA Closing Work Party
Another sailing season comes to an end!









Members Blog

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

Message from our Commodore

Dear fellow WSA members,

Season's greetings! I'm sure you are all looking forward to spending time with your families and friends during the upcoming weeks, and probably glad you're not driving to Buffalo!

I want to start by thanking all of you who sent me well wishes following my knee replacement surgery, a few being in surprising and creative ways! They were much appreciated. You know, 3 days in bed, watching TV and being brought 3 meals a day would be a dream if it wasn't for the pain and constant noise. I'm home, doing my physical therapy and working through the pain in order to get back to normal, and looking forward to sailing & racing in 2023.

On a sad note, one of our members, Steve Kazan, passed away last week after a short illness. Steve rejoined WSA this year after a few years away, and did not get to sail much. There were no calling hours, and we were not able to get in touch with his next of kin. Fair winds, Steve.

I was pleased with the turn out and enthusiasm of the fall work party. All important items were checked off for the winter with the help of many hands. There was even time for a campfire around our new fire pit. As always, it went a lot easier with the use of Norm's bobcat and trailer. Thanks Norm. Also noteworthy was the effort by Lee Amodeo, who couldn't make the work party but put a half-day aside to power wash the committee boat, pontoons and trailer.

Grounds Committee chairman Josh Hines organized a separate dock building work party to assemble 4 dock frames and a sunfish rack to get a head start on the spring. They are also heading back to strip the trek decking off the old docks while the weather is good. Thanks to all those who made the extra effort.

George has shut off the water and drained plumbing, so be aware if you go to the Anchorage. Thanks to George for handling that.

I want to share something that touched me recently. A member confided in me that having been in WSA for some time now, he realized that it is not only a place for recreation, but that he feels that he has made new, real friends there and that he cherishes those relationships. I agree, and hope that many of you do also.

Our new "winter membership" program has begun and is growing in interest. So far, we have taken in an extra \$1,000. from our neighbors who are storing their boats at WSA. This in addition to approximately \$3,000. from our regular members winter storage fees. This will augment our financial position going into 2023.

I wish you all a safe and happy holiday season, and thanks to everyone for making 2022 a huge success!

Gratitude and Thanks

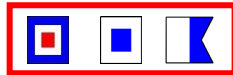
From Kenny Spindola

It has been a long road to recovery after my accident in June and it's not yet over. After two MRI's, there's more work to be done.

I'm very appreciative to all those well wishers that helped uplift my spirits during the summer months. I'm also grateful for the symbolic gesture of dismantling the broken picnic table that I was trying to fix in June.

I'm looking forward to a full recovery by Springtime.

Kenny



Classifieds:

Items for sale, for free, or available services



For Sale:

1990 Compac 16/3 sailboat, refurbished boat trailer. "Half Moon"
\$5000.00 or best offer. Dry docked at WSA slip#7

Contact Rich @ (508) 434-1278, Email: criterion@charter.net

