Creve Coeur Sailing Association

Fair Winds Newsletter

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The 2025 Sailing Season in winding down

The 2025 sailing season is ending soon. We have one more race day on October 12. Let's see if we can have a large turnout for the last race day of the season. October is usually good for some good sailing wind. We will have our Fall Banquet on November 8,2025. It is always a good time to meet other sailors. There will be awards and nominations for next year's board members. Please plan on attending. More information below.



AT THE HELM

By Commodore Todd Merrill.

Greetings CCSA Members and Sailors!

Summer has been cruising along and we have had some fantastic days of racing/sailing in July, August and September. There has been some great, friendly competition on the water and very close point totals as we head towards the final day of racing on October 12. We can't wait to be sailing in the nice fall weather.

Thank you to all who have helped make the sailing season a success – dry/wet race support, boat yard duty, CCSA Board members and those of you who have come out to watch and cheer. As always, we are so lucky to be a part of the action and vibe at Creve Coeur Lake.

Spread the word, sailing on Creve Coeur Lake is a blast.

Mark your calendar for the Annual CCSA Awards Banquet on Nov. 8. Please reach out to a board member if you have interest in serving as we will have our elections at the Awards Banquet. Look for details on the last page of this newsletter.

See you all on the water!

From Lori Grewe, Vice Commodore.

All the race committee duties were successfully done this year. Thank you to everyone that helped.

From Ed Humble treasurer

As of September 22, we have 41 members paid up and 44 boats paid for in the boatyard.

Here are links for the membership, boatyard forms and the events.

CCSA Boatyard 2025.pdf

CCSA Membership 2025 (1).pdf

2025 SAILING ASSOCIATION SCHEDULE_2.pdf

2025 Sailing Events

12 OCT 2025 SAILING RACE DATE #12

NOV 8, 2025 ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET & ASSOCIATION MEETING

From Marshall Galliers, boatyard coordinator.

Thank you for all of your help this year at the boatyard. As a reminder, every boat owner should check and make sure their tarps are secure for the winter. There are several boats with torn and loose tarps in the boatyard.

From Bill Kline

Cold weather is coming. Time to think about winter lay up. If you really want to make your boat happy, store it inside in a heated space! (Another option is to send the boat to Florida for the inter...) Since that's not practical for most of us, its worth spending some time and energy getting your boat ready for cold weather.

Water is your enemy. When fresh water freezes, it expands by approximately 10 percent in volume. As long as the expansion has somewhere to go, its not a big deal. If the water is in a small crack, however, the crack will be bigger next spring. Deck laminations are a particular source of trouble. Water can not only rot the core (which is often made of balsa wood), when it expands due to freezing, it will cause the deck to delaminate. Neither result is desirable.

Your best defense is to make sure the boat is dry with no standing water and covered to minimize water accessing all the small cracks found in the typical older boat. Be sure to repair any dings or cracks that have penetrated the surface. Mast step pockets attract water and invite mischief. Pull the hull plugs and inspection ports. Dry inside and out is your goal.

It's a good idea to remove running rigging. Have you checked the price of quality lines8mm recently? By all means, remove your sails to an inside location. Less is best when it comes to stuff left in the boat.

Most light duty plastic tarps will shred in the first winter winds. Even if they survive a blow, the sun's UV rays will quickly start the destruction process. Spend a few more bucks for a heavy tarp (the brown one, not the blue one). Fitted covers are even better.

Wash, de-water, dry, repair/touch-up, then cover. Then pour yourself a favorite beverage and start planning for next season.

From Charles Bell,

There is nothing new to report on building projects near the boatyard. There are several building projects still planned for the surrounding areas around the boatyard, but none seemed to be starting anytime soon.

Open invitation to the CCSA 2025 Annual Fall Banquet

Don't miss this once a year gathering of CCSA sailors, families and friends. There will be great food, fun, sailing awards, and the election of CCSA officers and board members for 2026. Friends, family, former and future members are all invited. All skippers that have qualified by participating in at least 12 races will receive a lovely limited-edition CCSA glass!

Date: Saturday November 8, 2025

Time: 5:30pm (dinner at 6pm)

Place; Syberg's – 2430 Old Dorsett Road (corner of 270 and Dorsett Road)

Dinner Buffet Menu

Roast Top Round of Beef, Hand Carved
Breast of Chicken in White Wine Sauce
Crab Stuffed Filet of Sole
Pasta Con Broccoli
Au Gratin Potatoes
Green Beans Almandine
Syberg's House Salad
Dessert
Iced Tea, Water and Coffee; a cash bar will be available

A printed invitation will be mailed out to your home soon. Please fill out the invitation and mail it back to Ed Humble so we can get an accurate count.

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