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Commodore's Remarks

Hope you've had a happy holiday season so far and we wish you a Happy New Year. 2006 is shaping up as a good year for SAIL. With all that snow in the mountains, there must be plenty of regattas in there somewhere.

See you on the water.

..... Steven Davis

Web Site

SAIL's website, www.rmsail.org, has been updated. & refreshed. There's some new content, and we've kept the features you've depended on. "What's New" is now right up front. Maybe, you'll like the pictures. They're mostly from local sources, some of you are in them.

We think navigating the site will be easier, with the main sections on the top of each page & related & subordinate pages down the left margin.

You can get to the 2006 race schedule directly at www.rmsail.org/Regattas.htm. Or, at www.rmsail.org/calendar.htm, which shows all SAIL events.

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Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the Sailing Association of Intermountain Lakes (SAIL) was held on Saturday, November 6, 2005 at Cherry Creek Yacht Club, from 0900 to 1230 hours.

Elections

The elected SAIL officers for 2006 are:

- Commodore – Steve Davis
- Vice Commodore – Ross Simpson
- Treasurer – Shannan Tenze
- Secretary – Joe Beierl
- Area F Representative – Paul Kresge
- Staff Commodore – Ralph Taylor

Tour Winners

Congratulations to the winners of SAIL's 2005 regional tours, who were announced at the Annual Meeting:

- Dinghy Tour - Steve Davis
- Keelboat Tour - Tom Ruwitch
- PHRF Tour - Paul Scherrer
- Junior Tour - Gwen Lemon

Boat Show

SAIL will have a booth at the Denver Boat Show, January 12-14, 2006 at the Denver Convention Center. The "little boat" racing pond is rumored to make another appearance. Bob Stoller is coordinating sign-ups. Volunteer now & get into the show free.

Dues Due

2006 dues are now due. See the back page for renewal information.

Preliminary 2006 Calendar

January

- 1st - New Year's Day is a Sunday
- 3rd - SAIL Meeting, 1100 Dahlia St., Denver
- 6-8 - Area F Meeting, Ch. Crk. YC
- 12-14 - Boat Show, Denver Convention Center
- 15th Junior Chalk-Talk, SAIL, TBD
- 18 - Winter Racing Seminar, TBD

2006 Calendar (cont.)**February**

7th - SAIL Meeting, 1100 Dahlia St., Denver
 12th Junior Chalk-Talk, SAIL, TBD
 15 - Winter Racing Seminar, Brooklyn's
 25 - **Iceberg Cup**, Cherry Creek (if ice broken)

March

7th - SAIL Meeting, 1100 Dahlia St., Denver
 12th Junior Chalk-Talk, SAIL, TBD
 15 - Winter Racing Seminar, TBD

April

4th - SAIL Meeting, 1100 Dahlia St., Denver
 8th - Race Management Seminar, TBD
 16th Junior Chalk-Talk, SAIL, TBD
 19 - Winter Racing Seminar, TBD
 22-23 - Collegiate Regatta, Pueblo Res., CU-South SC, DK

May

2nd - SAIL Meeting, 1100 Dahlia St., Denver
 6-7 - **Mile Hi Shootout**, Ch. Creek, MHYRS/DSA, K
 6-7 - **Hornblower**, Ch. Crk., DSA, D
 20-21 **Leukemia Cup**, CSYC, Chatfield, K, D
 20-21 **Prairie Winds**, Boyd Lake, CO, M
 27-28 **Mem'I Day Reg.**, New Mexico SC, Heron Lake, K, M
 29th is Memorial Day

June

3-4 **Carter Open**, Carter Lake SC, Carter Lk, KD
 6th SAIL Meeting, 1100 No. Dahlia, Denver
 10th **Pram Regatta**, Ch. Crk., DSA, Bts Provided, J
 20-21 **WY Gov. Cup**, Casper Bt. Club, Alcova, KD
 27-28 **Hawaiian Dreams**, Lake McConaughy, NE, M

July

1st Firecracker, DSA, Union Res., D
 1-2 4th of July Reg. & Long Race, New Mex. SC, Heron Lake, NM, K
 1-2 4th of July Open, Dillon YC, Lake Dillon, K

July (cont.)

4th Independence Day is on Tuesday
 11th SAIL Meeting, 1100 No. Dahlia, Denver
 8th **Carter Junior Open**, Carter Lake, CLSC, J
 14-15 Glendo Regatta, Glendo, WY, Hobie Flt., M
 15-16 **Aspen Open**, Aspen YC, Ruedi Res., KD
 29-30 Angostura Regatta, Angostura, SD, M

August

1st SAIL Meeting, 1100 No. Dahlia, Denver
 5-6 **Dillon Open** Dillon YC, Lake Dillon, KDJ
 (Juniors on separate course)
 5-6? Hobie Div'n 5 Champ., Angostura, SD, M
 12-13? Wild Bill Thrill, Flaming Gorge, WY, M
 19th **CC Junior Open**, Ch. Crk. DSA, J
 19-20 Wild Bill Thrill, Flaming Gorge, WY, Hobie Flt., M
 19-20 ? Colorado Laser Champs, Grand Lake YC, Grand Lake, CO,) (Verify)
 26th **Old Salts**, Union Res, Union SC/DSA, D (Under discussion)
 26-27 TransMac/Mac Attack, Ogallala YC, Lake McConaughy, KDM

September

2-3 **Neb. Gov. Cup**, Ogallala YC, Lake McCon'hy, KD
 2-3 Dillon Labor Day, Dillon YC, Lake Dillon
 2-3 Labor Day Reg., New Mex. SC, Heron Lake
 4th Labor Day is on Monday
 5th SAIL Meeting, Brooklyn's
 8-10 **Sunrise Regatta**, Rio Grande SC, Truth or Consequences, NM
 16-17 **CO Gov. Cup & Frostbite**, DSA, Ch. Crk. Res., KDM

October

3rd SAIL Meeting,, Denver
 7-8 **Columbus Day Regatta**, CSYC, Chatfield, KDM
 9 Columbus Day observed on Monday
 21 Pumpkin Bash Inv., Buc, Flt., Ch. Crk., D
 31 Halloween is on Tuesday

November

4th SAIL Annual Meeting, Place TBD, Saturday

December

5th - SAIL Monthly Meeting,, Denver

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Notices of Races & Regattas

{The Intermountain Sailor publishes notices for open events of member clubs & fleets in the coming quarter.}

We didn't get none.

Bang the Corner!

Racing heresy? We've been lectured again & again about sailing too early out to the course's laylines. But, no less an expert than Dave Dellenbaugh has recommended exactly the corner-banging strategy in persistently shifting conditions. And, persistent shifts (as opposed to oscillating shifts) are seen often in the Rockies.

A persistent shift is one that won't go back the other direction before you get to the next mark. A typical situation here is a storm cell that passes close to the sailing area on one side or the other. The wind will shift toward the cell as it slides by.

Other causes of persistent shifts are a shoreline that nearly aligns with the wind & current effects. Close to shore, the wind is refracted to blow more perpendicular to the land. If current strength or direction changes over the course, the sailing wind appears to shift.

In his Nov/Dec 2005 issue of Speed & Smarts ©, Dellenbaugh recommends going as far toward the direction of the shift as the new layline. More, he recommends "footing" to get there faster. The thinking is "First boat to the new wind wins."

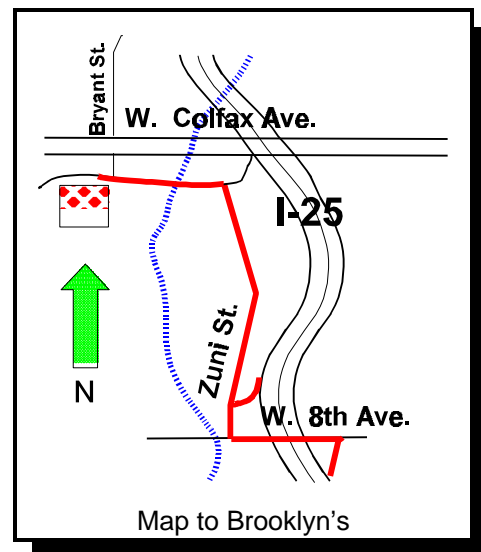
Two things to keep in mind as you bang that corner:

1. Make sure it's not the wrong corner. You want the one toward the wind shift. The one away from the shift loses big-time.
2. If the wind keeps shifting that direction, the corner will be closer than it appears when you get there. Go further and you'll be outside the course, overstanding.

To subscribe to Speed & Smarts, go to www.SpeedandSmarts.com. Each issue has pearls of wisdom like the above.

Winter Racing Seminars

Due to the availability of Brooklyn's, SAIL's winter racing seminars will be held on the second Wednesday of each month. January's program is about protests, The program starts at 7:00, but come early to eat, socialize, and be merry.



Web Site *(continued from page 1)*

New features include a "Where to sail" page, showing as many venues as we can. There's a description, launching info, picture & diagram (if we can get them), & a "find" feature. This could help us grow the sport in our region.

Also new is a complete site map & cross-references from the information in the former yearbook. The "Contacts" page role has been broadened. It now heads a section about SAIL: By-Laws, meeting minutes, fiscal info, past newsletters, & pictures of the Board.

There's more emphasis on recognition of our sailors. Past winners of the regional Tours and the Colorado Governor's have their own pages. (We still need help filling in blanks here.)

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2005 Officers & Committee Chairs**

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