



Luff Wire

Columbia Basin Sailing Club

Tri-Cities, Washington



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From The Commodore

Well our summer series is almost over. We have had a mixed bag of weather to race in, thunderstorms to 112 degrees plus. I am looking forward to the Snake upriver to Fishhook on August 24, make sure to be there. This is always a great party run. Right around the corner is DORC. It'll be tye dye time once again. Nancy and I have not made it on the water much this year but we have great hopes for the fall. We did manage to take the C27 down river to Columbia Park to watch the fireworks. Our first great adventure! Our son David is now at the United States Merchant Marine Academy at Kings Point, NY.

<http://www.usmma.edu> He is under going "Indoctrination"
<http://www.usmma.edu/2006/indoc/right> now. Check out their sailing program!

<http://www.usmma.edu/waterfront/>. John Bickford still has openings for Race committee in the Fall, please contact him and take your turn. Soon we will have to nominate officers for next year so start thinking of what position you could fill to help our club. We also have to decide where to hold our awards dinner in January. These and many other things will be discussed at our next meeting. Normally in August we do not hold a formal meeting but we will probably have an impromptu one at the Fish Hook run on August 24. If you have topics for discussion please call or email me to get them on the agenda. See you on the water! Dave



Ken and Sam Nelson blast down the line at Desert Regatta 2002

Luff Wire Transition

Scott Petersen has graciously offered to take over Luff Wire duties. We'll have to come up with some kind of ceremony for the transition. But in the mean time we just decided to get an issue out. I will hopefully use all the spare time this generates to spiff up the CBSC website. I want to do a complete revamp in the transition over to the more rememberable (is that a word?) www.cbsc.info (don't look yet, nothing is there). The Flying Scot fleet just got back from their annual trek to Ft. Worden. Roger McVicker took the Bronze bucket and Nancy Gilles won the fantastic chef award.

Ken Nelson

☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆ *Fishhook Upriver* ☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆

Charbonneau to Fishhook Park and back Bring your water cannons!!!

Saturday 8/24/02

New Boats Afloat

I suppose this new boat started like it does for everybody else - sailing with friends and becoming regular crew racing at a couple clubs. Then finally getting a small boat – just to have something to drive myself. A Fireball, a trapeze boat, but with the wind in our area (too much or too little) I became a one-man entertainment committee. I washed the sails pretty regularly. I often sailed alone, not so much because of lack of crew, but because there usually wasn't much wind and I couldn't see making another person suffer. Or was it because there really wasn't enough room for another body on the boat unless they were on the wire? Anyway, I really enjoy that boat and put a lot of effort into getting it and me into shape. And I did get better. The sails got to be put away at the end of the day (dry) more often than not... And like all other sailors, over the years I had seen or been aboard several boats that interested me. Cuties that I'd drool about for a while – even to the point of looking further into them, until the reality of the finances would hit me up-side the head and I'd retreat to Spot (the Fireball – I enjoy a good pun and “good-old” dog names). But like they say, if I stopped looking, I'd be dead. And so it went.

My requirements started to firm up around my family and our lifestyle. Something that would be reasonably easy to trailer, something that a couple beers wouldn't upset the balance (too much), and something my wife might ride if I promised to behave myself. And then there was the issue of proving (or disproving) my skills by getting something that was common in the area. Several folks had a type of boat that was close to what I was gravitating toward... the SJ-21. But to avoid psychological scarring to current SJ-21owners, I won't get into why I leaned away from them... Now having dodged the bullet of why I leaned away from a SJ-21, the other option of a local “fleet” boat was a large bathtub-looking thing.... So looks must have been at least somewhat important. (*hey! that's not nice!! Ed.*)

I remembered a boat that I had crewed on down in the Bay area, a Santana 23. Normally I crewed on a Santana 22, a good solid boat. But sometimes when it was blowing better than the usual GREAT, I would be invited to crew on a S-23 – what a hoot! A light dagger board boat, with a fine entry and a wide, flat stern - it was an “E ticket” ride when we were short handed... Well, if there was one of those boats around, maybe... In the meantime I stayed busy on Spot and ogled and fantasized over pictures in the magazines, but tried to learn more about the S-23. I talked to a guy that used to sail one here – it sounded promising. Then one turned up in Portland a couple years ago – close but no cigar. So back to Spot (no offense old friend).

So last Christmas, being a bit bored, I tried surfing the web, checking up on the Volvo Race, etc. I thought, “Try S-23 dot something”. Things led to things and I found a Santana 23 club, showing activity from around the country – and HEY ONE FOR SAIL! “*Hey, Margaret – look at this, a good deal on a S-23*”... “*Maybe you ought to get it*”... (*much rapid breathing here*)... *maybe it's too good to be true... you've wanted one of these for years... send the email... look at the photos on the web... hey, it's still available...dance around the dining room a bit... oh man, the banks aren't open today*... Well, it took a couple weeks to iron out the details and then a couple more to get the bank to buy a boat over the internet – out of state at that. By the way, the sail club ought to offer training to local loan officers and insurance agents about the differences between sail boats and powerboats...

Then, there was the great adventure of going down to Sacramento to pick it up. But sticking to the boat story – it was hard to be objective. I kept telling the guys, “Keep me on track here, don't let me trip over my tongue”. Then we took it out for a sail – a drifter. I had a hard time accepting the tiller. (afraid to wake up from the dream?) So I wandered around looking at details, asking stupid questions (I knew way too much about this boat than I should have at this point in the game). The wind built into a nice 10-15 breeze - too good to be true! Everybody on the rail! The previous owner and I made eye contact – He was having as big of a problem letting go as I was accepting this boat. No words were spoken, we just changed places. I drove and he wandered around looking at details. We went in, and the rest of the time was spent getting ready to bring it back to Washington.

Another great road trip. But now that it's in the driveway, how do I get this grin off my face? How do I not carry pictures around? (If you were at the last meeting, you know I didn't do too well on either of these). Splash the boat today. Up at 0230 – not since I was a little kid at Christmas....See ya out there – I'll be the one with unstoppable grin ... Terry Filson

Columbia Basin Sailing Club

Racing Schedule 2002

Skippers Meetings 10 a.m. Class Flag 10:30 a.m.

*Summer Saturday races: Skippers Mtg 2:30 p.m., Class Flag 3:00 p.m.

**Snake Downriver	Saturday Aug 24	Fishhook to Charbonneau	
Fall Series			
Race Day 1	Saturday, August 31	Charbonneau	
Race Day 2	Saturday, Sept. 7	Charbonneau	Terry Filson
Race Day 3	Saturday, Sept. 14	Charbonneau	Ralph Wilson
** (DORC)	Saturday, Sept. 21	Charbonneau	
** (DORC)	Sunday, Sept. 22	Charbonneau	
Race Day 4	Saturday, October 5	Charbonneau	
Race Day 5	Sunday, October 6	Charbonneau	
Race Day 6	Saturday, October 19	Charbonneau	
Fall Series Final	Saturday, Nov. 2	Charbonneau	Dennis Trimble

25% of the races will be thrown out per series (i.e. 5 races in a 20 race series)

Race Committee = 1pt. per race (limit one day per series)

** Not a part of series racing

Regional Regattas

August 10-11	Flying Scot Pacific Districts - Inverness, CA
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Spring Series Results:

Place	Points	Skipper
1	20	Scott Petersen (with four 1sts)
2	20	Dennis Trimble (with two 1sts)
3	24	Ken Nelson
4	25	Ken Dyer
5	26	Ryan Bickford (RC for 4 races)
6	27	Dave Gilles (RC for 3 races)
7	28	Rick Ashworth
8	32	Paul Reeder (with one first)
9	32	John Bickford
10	33	Terry Powers
11	37	Terry Filson
12	39	Ralph Wilson
13	40	Roger McVicker
14	41	Gareth Nisbett
15	42	Scot Brim

McVicker Takes Home the Bucket Ft. Worden 2002

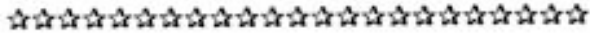


Mexican Downriver Results 2002

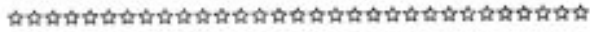
Place	Skipper	Sail #	Boat Type	Beaufort 0-1	Beaufort 2-3	Beaufort 4	P# of this race	ET	CET
1	Peterson	1707 SJ 21 **		101.2	98.4	95.2	98.4	1:35:47	1:37:20
2	Nelson	25 Flying Scot		92.2	91.6	89.6	91.6	1:29:16	1:37:27
3	McVicker	4368 Flying Scot		92.2	91.6	89.6	91.6	1:29:29	1:37:41
4	Giller	Hobie 14		94.9	90.3	85.6	90.3	1:38:34	1:49:09
5	Reeder	3269 Thistle		83	83	83	83	1:31:30	1:50:14
6	Gilles Jr.	2169 Flying Scot		92.2	91.6	89.6	91.6	1:46:10	1:55:54

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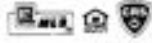


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General Meeting

☆☆ No Meeting in August ☆☆

Snake Downriver August 24

DUES ARE DUE (if you haven't paid yet, Guido will be contacting you)