



# Rocky Fork Sailing Club

## The Jibsheet

May 2024 | #168

### Upcoming Events

May 11- Gardening,  
Cheeseburgers & After Party  
May 18 - Races 2 & 3  
May 25 - Spring Regatta  
May 27 - Memorial Day

### New Members for 2024

These are our new members this year. If you see them, be friendly and introduce yourself.

If you are new but we are missing your name or boat name, please let me know

Bob & Robyn Smith  
SV Badmudda

Nathan & Suzy Schneider  
SV Reflections

John & Kimberly Daulton  
SV The River Sings

Greg and Martina Kuttler  
SV This Side Up

**I will get better as the season goes on**

**by Jon Hill**

I know this jibsheet is late and I appreciate

### Commodore's Corner

**by Bill Parker**



I am very pleased to welcome all of you to the 2024 sailing season! As we work on our boats getting our boats ready to sail, it is important to keep your eye on the goal; feeling your boat heel and start moving in that first puff after getting the sails up.

Yes, there is a lot to do before then, but at least you have a really good group of people to help you along the way.

If you haven't starting using the club site on groups.io, please do. This is really the best way to keep yourself in the loop on what's happening and how to do it. It not only means getting important email from all the members using it, but there are handy files with information on the club. Also, there are many photos that members have posted.

If you don't have a login, please contact Larry Hess or myself and we'll set you up. It makes it a lot easier for those of us on the

everyone's patience. Please keep in mind, I am just the editor and cannot possibly fill all of it by myself. In years past I was fortunate to be carried by a few great contributors like Bob Inkrot and Doug Leyh.

It is unreasonable for us to expect them to continually contribute every month so I am asking that the rest of the membership chip in. If you have an article (original or stolen), please contact me! When sending submissions please paste them into an email as "plain text".

Thanks again  
Jon

Executive Committee to do what we do. Communication is key.

Once we are all in the water, the club season starts in earnest. The club's first social is Cheeseburger in Paradise on May 11th. As always, these events are driven by volunteers, so please be one.

If you have committed to a volunteer role on your membership form, please be there. This willingness to pitch in is the heart and strength of our club.

Finally, it is my sincere pleasure to be your Commodore. I am available on my cell at 513.301.4795 or by email at [wmeparker@cinci.rr.com](mailto:wmeparker@cinci.rr.com).

It is a great compliment to have been chosen, and I give you my pledge to do my absolute best in representing the club and helping everyone to have the best of all possible seasons!

Mr Bill

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### **A Sail by Ruby Archer**

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From the delicate mist of morning  
A sail appeared to me;  
And I cried: 'Oh, here is my ship come in,  
My ship from over the sea,  
"Bearing a cargo of amber,  
Beryl of Orient fame,  
A mystic rune, and a magic wand,  
And a fairing I may not name."  
When the mist had quivered to sunlight,  
And the sail hove clear to view,  
Behold! It was not my ship at all  
Come in from beyond the blue  
To make of my heart a haven,  
To richen my life and lot;  
It could not carry the freight I dreamed,—  
'Twas only a pleasure-yacht!

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### **From Novice to Navigator by Roderick Daniels**

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Certainly, let's delve into my personal perspective as a novice sailor who has harnessed the power of technology to enhance my learning and sailing experience.

*Embarking on a Digital Sailing Journey:*

As a novice sailor navigating the waters of the sailing world, the presence of technology has been nothing short of a compass guiding me through uncharted territory. Gone are the days when learning

the intricacies of sailing relied solely on printed manuals and the advice of seasoned sailors. With the touch of a few keystrokes, the vast sea of online resources has opened up before me, offering answers to my curiosities, clarifications for my confusions, and tutorials for my technique struggles.

#### *Learning in Real-Time:*

What truly captivates me is the way technology seamlessly intertwines with my sailing adventures. The instruments on my small lake sailboat have become more than just tools; they are my interactive companions on the water. Each maneuver, every change in the wind, and each modification to my sail trim reflect immediately in the data displayed before me. The once-abstract concepts of sail shape, wind angles, and boat speed now materialize as tangible numbers, giving me a newfound comprehension of how my choices shape my sailing experience.

#### *Decoding the Language of the Wind and Water:*

Sailing, I've come to realize, is a dialogue between myself, the boat, and the elements. With technology on my side, I've acquired the ability to engage in this dialogue more eloquently. A glance at my chart plotter reveals my position on the lake, overlaid with the contours of the underwater landscape. Wind direction and speed are no longer elusive secrets; they are presented to me in real-time, allowing me to adjust my sails with precision and finesse. It's as if technology has provided me with the Rosetta Stone to decipher the language of the wind and water.

#### *Analyze, Adjust, Improve:*

One of the most remarkable aspects of this technological journey is the post-sail analysis. Gone are the days of relying solely on memory to recount my sailing escapades. Now, I have access to a treasure trove of data that meticulously documents each moment on the water. Analyzing these records provides insights into the effectiveness of my decisions. I can identify the points where I excelled and the instances where I could have steered a better course. It's an educational feedback loop that encourages constant improvement and the refinement of my sailing skills.

#### *Sailing into the Future:*

With technology as my co-pilot, I'm not merely sailing; I'm embarking on a voyage of self-discovery, growth, and empowerment. The juxtaposition of tradition and innovation is a testament to the timelessness of sailing and the adaptability of the human spirit. While the wind still fills my sails, and the sun dances on the water's surface, it's the harmonious integration of technology that has added an entirely new dimension to my sailing narrative. With each journey, I find myself sailing not just through space but also through the vast expanse of knowledge and capability that technology offers.

In this remarkable fusion of the past and the present, I, as a novice sailor, am navigating my way to becoming a proficient mariner. It's a journey that celebrates both the ancient art of sailing and the modern marvels that enrich it.

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**Sailboat Fuel**  
**Shared by Bob Inkrot**

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"He says he's hauling Sailboat Fuel, but his trailer is empty.  
What should I do?"



**Racing Season Begins!**  
**by Ken Kirchmeyer**



The 2024 racing season is here. Masts are being raised and boats are being launched. The first race of the season is on Sunday May 5, followed by two races on Saturday May 18 and the Spring regatta on Saturday May 25. The Mark Shockey memorial race will be on Sunday June 9.

The racing rules and schedule for race chairmen and the committee boat are published on the RFSC website 2024 racing folder. There are still a few open dates for the committee boat towards the end of the season. The committee boat is anchored at the start-finish line. They start the race and record the elapsed times as the boats cross the finish line. Contact one of the race committee members to sign up for the remaining open dates.

The skippers meeting prior to the races will be at 12:30 am on the steps to the upper parking lot. Sailors new to racing are always welcome to crew with experienced racers or ride along on the committee boat and watch the race from the start-finish line.

The Spring Regatta will be a fun race held on Saturday, May 25. Pairs of boats will be racing to cross the finish line together. The closer in time the pairs of boats finish, the better their score. Commemorative Spring regatta flags will be issued.

Ken K.

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