





2013 Annual Awards Banquet November 9, 2013

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Denver Boat Show January 11 - 13



Our sincere thanks to the Fifteen DSA Members who staffed the DSA booth at the recently completed 2013 Denver Boat Show: Special thanks to Curtis Rist, who, along with Brandon Kass of Community Sailing Association helped set up the booth on Thursday and take it down on Sunday:

- Curtis Rist
- David Thompson
- Barb Thompson
- Marc Castells
- Joanna Antkowiak
- Joel Mcguire
- Norm Jarvis
- Steve Davis
- Jan Davis
- Toby Hamer
- Mika Hamer
- Jim Ulatowski
- Francine Hoffman
- Brad Lawson
- Darek Buczynski



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Spring Work Day



DSA Spring Workday, Saturday, March 30, 2013

All Hands Needed on Deck 10 AM – 3 PM

Refreshments served after work is completed

Volunteers gathered to set the marks and prepare the clubhouse for the 2013 season.



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Thaw-out Series April 6 – May 4



This season we had five Saturdays scheduled and we raced on all five of them. That's in contrast to last year when we only got in three race days (see [2012 Thaw-out Series Results](#)). Winds were generally light, and the water level was lower than it was last fall, and colder than in the previous year, but we were racing! [Read more here.](#)



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New Tent May 17



Thanks to the good work of DSA members Steve Davis, Curtis Rist, Brad Lawson, Darek Buczinski, and David Thompson, there is a new tent covering the patio behind the DSA clubhouse!

You may remember that the old tent was torn to shreds in a [wind blast last October 17](#). This spring, Steve Davis ordered the new tent, had it shipped to house, and delivered it to the marina on Wednesday, May 15. It came in two eight-foot long boxes weighing 250 pounds each.

On Thursday, Curtis and David, with some critical help from Brad and Darek, assembled and erected the tent in just under three hours, from opening the box to taking the photo.

And it was just seven months to the day from the disaster of October 17 — and just in time for the upcoming Shootout/Hornblower regatta.

Well done, DSA!



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Shootout / Hornblower Regatta May 18 - 19



We had mostly sunny skies and moderate temperatures, interesting winds, and **no rain** for the recently concluded 2013 Shootout/Hornblower regatta. Through the outstanding work of our [Race Committees](#) we got in three races on Saturday and three on Sunday (and four on the dinghy course). Supper on Saturday of grilled burgers and hot dogs, and appetizers, salads, and side dishes provided potluck-style by the DSA board, coupled with delicious **Dry Dock Amber Ale** made for a nice conclusion to the first day. After racing on the second day we assembled for awards and more **Dry Dock Amber Ale** before heading out. Congratulations to Michael Kline and the crew of *Nauti Moose* for winning the Shootout Trophy, and to Fletcher Avery for winning the Hornblower trophy. See the scores listed below for details.

Thanks much to our sponsors for your support: The **Dry Dock Brewing Company**; The **Cherry Creek Marina and Yacht Club**; **Ameriprise Financial**; **Jersey Mike's Subs**; **Juice Plus**; and the **Dillon Yacht Club**. Without your support there would not be a regatta.



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Tent Blown Down May 30



two weeks, to the day after the [tent was installed](#))

by Curtis Rist

Commodore, Denver Sailing association

As you may be aware it is blowing like stink at the lake today. The tent is damaged; the force of the wind on the surface of the tent facing the dam forced the rafter sections to collapse and buckle at the joints. I clocked the big gusts at 35mph and the steady blasts at 21 mph. The fabric is in the clubhouse (felt like I was hauling the main sail in aloft in a gale) and will need some grommet repair before we place it back on the frame. The frame will need some work to stiffen up the joints in the rafter sections.

Stay tuned — our DSA Board is working on a solution.



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June 14: Lake is Low and Forecasted to Go Lower



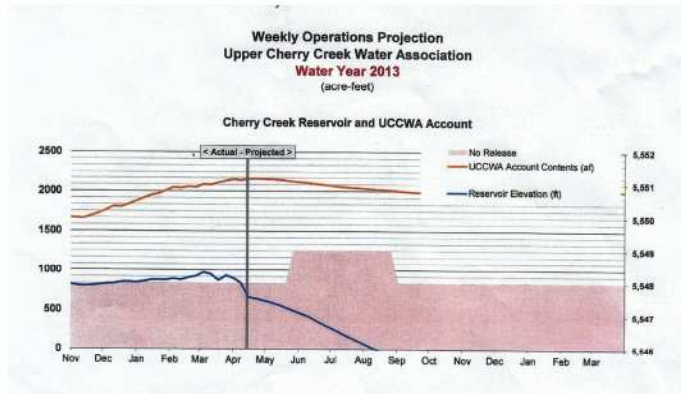
If you have visited the lake recently, you'll know that the lake level is currently 21 inches below the top of the footing at the crane, lower than at any time in the past two years, and 14 inches **below** the low-water mark of 2011.

Worse, due to commitments to deliver water to downstream water-rights holders, the Upper Cherry Creek Water Association has forecasted that the lake will drop **two more feet** before the end of the summer, and even more if evaporative losses are not offset by heavy rains upstream.

This has impacted, and will continue to impact, our ability to launch boats when racing. Note that Cherry Creek Marina plans to aggressively pursue multiple local, state, and federal agencies and authorities to work out a mitigation plan and prevent the lake from dropping so low and so fast. So the predictions shown above may not actually come to pass. Stay tuned

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Water is Low and Forecasted to Go Lower





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Tent Repaired June 14



It was harder than it sounded, but Curtis and David, in three hours time, put steel sleeves on the tent rafters and got the tent frame straightened out. This was after a strong wind gust on May 30 [damaged the tent and frame.](#)



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Spring Series May 9 – July 11



The 2013 DSA Spring Series, May 9 to July 11, has concluded! Spring Series Race # 1 was canceled for both the keelboats on Wednesday and the dinghies on Thursday, due to thunderstorms, but all other race days saw at least one race, with mostly 2-race evenings and two 3-race evenings. There was some excitement during Keelboat Spring Series #7, when strong gusty winds caused the mast to break on Brad Lawson's U-20, *Redbeard*. Other evenings worth remembering were Keelboat Spring Series # 6, when haze from the Black Forest fire in Colorado Springs made for poor visibility, and the afternoon prior to Dinghy Spring Series # 4, when a strong gust of wind caused the newly-erected tent to collapse, bending the tent frame like a pretzel. Also, Dinghy Spring Series # 10, on July 11, when winds were blowing 20 with gusts to 32. **See Bill Tracey's [video Here!](#)** And this Spring series will be remembered for the advent of low lake levels, so low that by Keelboat Spring series # 5, we were no longer able to crane-launch our J/24s. For the Keelboat Series we had from 9 to 15 boats on the water for each race, depending on the day, and from 2 to 26 boats out for the Dinghy Series, depending on the day. [Read more here.](#)



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Cherry Creek Junior Regatta August 12



Racing Recap

Saturday morning dawned as a beautiful sunny day after heavy rains the previous two nights. 34 competitors and their parents, coaches, and mentors gathered for breakfast — provided by *Juice Plus!* of Colorado — followed by registration, a Skipper's meeting, and lunch, anticipating a great day of sailboat racing in the gentle NNE winds that were developing. At noon, the competitors, race committee, helpers, and spectators headed out, but unfortunately, the winds died, and did not resume for the remainder of the day. One "race" was held, a free for all boats back to the docks, using whatever means the skippers could think of to get back to the marina, no holds barred. [Results here.](#)



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Summer Series July 17 – September 19



We had ten weeks of Summer Series racing, but were rained out or blown out on some of them. [Read more here.](#)

Keelboats raced in 7 of them; three keelboats sustained damage when hitting bottom. Dinghies raced in 8 of them; experienced a thunderstorm directly overhead in one; a microburst in another.

Monsoon rains the week of September 9 – 13 kept everybody home.



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Governor's Cup Regatta – September 21 - 22



47 boats registered.

The first day of the regatta gave us sunny skies, 80-degree temperatures, and generally southerly winds with some lulls and no-wind holes, but steady enough to allow Race Committee (Paul Kresge, Julie Rist, Ralph Stevenson, Roy Burley, Dan May, Robin Jackson and Doug Work) to run 4 races and still get competitors back to the dock by 5PM. Day 2 was a slightly cooler day, with clouds moving in gradually over the course of the afternoon, bringing us very nice southerly winds at 10 – 12 MPH, with some lulls, but generally steady in strength and direction.

As competitors were securing their boats and gathering around the kegs of Dry Dock beer while the scorekeeper was scoring and the protest jury was hearing, the clouds overhead thickened and we knew that a cold front, bringing rain, was on the way. Pizzas from Papa Johns' arrived promptly at 4 PM and we wolfed down nice slices of Peperoni and cheese pizzas, and finally gathered for a raffle drawing at 4:30 PM and started the awards presentations at 5 PM.

The cold front arrived 10 minutes later, bringing gusty winds and cold rain, so we hurried under the tent to finish the awards and then dismissed everyone so that they could make it out quickly before getting soaked. The clean-up committee donned their foulies in order to quickly do a rough clean-up, with a vow to return tomorrow to finish.



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We have Too Much Water – September 24



As of 6 AM on 9/18 the lake was just **3/4 inch below the top** of the seawall. It came down some over the weekend of the Governor's Cup Regatta, 9/21 – 9/22, but then rains of Sunday night and Monday morning started the level back on an upward trend. at 9 PM on Monday evening, 9/23, the water broached the seawall and began flooding the sidewalk and paved area around the clubhouse. It continued to climb all day Tuesday, 9/24, and reached a high water mark at 11 PM of **1 and 3/4 inches above** the top of the seawall, at an elevation of 5553.37 feet above sea level. In the meantime, the power to the clubhouse was turned off and the items in the clubhouse in lower cabinets and drawers were pulled up onto the counters.



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Fall Frostbite Series September 28 – October 26



The 2013 DSA Fall Frostbite series is concluded. We had five consecutive Saturdays with sunny skies, temperatures in the low to mid 60s, and light to moderate (sometimes stronger) winds.

Most days saw only 2 or 3 boats out.



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Fall Workday November 2

All Hands on Deck!
10am at the Clubhouse

Lend a hand to get the clubhouse and grounds cleaned up from the sailing season. This will include, but not limited to; pulling the race marks, pulling the committee boats, folding up tables, and general cleaning of grounds. *Your time and help will be appreciated after a great sailing season.* At the end of the day Food and Beverage will be provided to all volunteers.



Twelve dedicated and loyal DSA members congregated at the DSA clubhouse on a warm and sunny November Saturday, November 2, to conduct the 2013 Fall Clean-up day. Thanks to Curtis and Julie Rist, Toby and Mika Hamer, David and Barb Thompson, Kristen Kies, Marty May, Brian Seim, Jim Ulatowski, Francine Hoffman and Philip Ryan, work was concluded in short order, followed by beer and burgers grilled on the DSA gas grill.



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Out-of-town Regattas



- Lightning Southern Circuit – March 9 - 17
- San Diego Nood – U-20s May 14 – 17
- Charleston Race Week April 18 – 21
- Chatfield Fiesta Regatta May 4 – 5
- Carter Lake Regatta June 1 – 2
- Swift Solo Nationals – June ??
- Lightning World Championships - Italy - June
- J/24 Nationals - June – on Lake Minnetonka
- Lake Dillon Timberline Regatta – June
- Aspen Open Regatta - July
- Lake Dillon Timberline Regatta – August
- Lightning North American and Masters Championships – August - Connecticut
- U-20 North Americans – Marina Del Rey
- Chatfield Columbus Day and Colorado Cup Regatta October
- J/20 Worlds – October
- Lightning Frigid Digit Regatta – Annapolis - october
- Championship of Champions October 24 – 26 – South Carolina
- Charleston Wild oyster Regatta - November



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Visit the website to see more!

This is a screenshot of the Denver Sailing Association website homepage. The top navigation bar includes links for 'Home', 'About', 'Series Racing', 'Regattas', 'Social Events', 'More News', 'Photo Gallery', 'Member Services', 'Scoring', and 'RC Schedule'. Below the navigation bar is a large photograph of a sailboat with two people on deck. The main content area is divided into three columns. The left column, titled 'UPCOMING EVENTS AND RECENT NEWS', contains a list of news items: '2013 DSA Awards Banquet Nov 8', 'News: 2013 Fall Work Day -- a Success!', 'News: DSA Skipper Philip Ryan and Crew David Spira and Rebecca Devitt Sail the 2013 Championship of Champions Regatta!', 'News: 2013 Fall Frostbite Series Sept 28 - Oct 26 is Conclude!!', 'News: "Houston... We Have Water!"', and 'News: 2013 Colorado Governor's Cup Regatta September 21 - 22'. The middle column, titled 'FEATURED EVENT', highlights the '2013 Year End Banquet' on Saturday, November 9, 2013, from 6pm to 10 pm, including a dinner, year-end presentation, and awards. It includes a 'Save The Date!' button and a 'Details here.' link. The right column, titled 'DSA SPONSORS', features an advertisement for 'CHRYST CONSTRUCTION' with their website 'www.chrystconstruction.com' and a phone number '303.440.1234'. The advertisement also lists services: 'STONE - CARPET - HARDWOOD'.

