

# Fair Winds

THE CREVE COEUR SAILING ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER  
Available for download at [www.sailccsa.com](http://www.sailccsa.com)



July 2017

Join the conversation on Facebook



**April 1** Boatyard Cleanup, 8am

**April 23** Race Day #1, 2pm

**May 6** Boatyard Cleanup, 8am

**May 7** Race Day #2, 2pm

**June 3** Boatyard Cleanup, 8am

**June 4** Race Day #3, 2pm

**June 11** Race Day #4, 2pm

**June 25** Race Day #5, 2pm

**July 1** Boatyard Cleanup, 8am

**July 9** Race Day #6, 2pm

**July 23** Race Day #7, 2pm

**July 30**

**SPECIAL EVENT:** Annual Naval Battle, 2pm

**August 5** Boatyard Cleanup, 8am

**August 6** Race Day #8, 2pm

**August 20**

**SPECIAL EVENT:** "The Rubber Chicken Race" & Potluck Picnic at Tremayne Shelter (after Race)

**September 2** Boatyard Cleanup, 8am

**September 10** - Race Day #9, 2pm

**September 16-17**

**"WHALE OF A SAIL"** @ Carlyle Sailing Association

**September 24** - Race Day #10, 2pm

**October 7** - Boatyard Cleanup, 8am

**October 8** - Race Day #11, 2pm

**October 22** - Race Day #12, 2pm

**November 18**

**ANNUAL CCSA AWARDS CLUB BANQUET**

@ Syberg's Restaurant, 5pm

2017 Dockside Dates

## Commodore's Corner

HELLO EVERYONE, WE ARE WELL UNDERWAY WITH THIS YEAR'S RACES, with several different incidents which are common with St. Louis weather. Our first race day went smoothly. The second race day was cancelled due to flooding, on the third race day we had a fast moving storm come in and cancelled our races, on the fourth race day we had strong winds and several capsized boats and on our fifth race day we again had strong wind, capsized boats and a lost buoy. I hope the rest of the year will be good for sailing.

We are getting ready for some fun summer events soon. On July 30 we will have our Navel Battle. This is always a fun family day where we sail around and squirt other boats as they sail by. Bring family and friends out to enjoy this day. This also helps teach how to sail close but not hit other boats.

On August 20 we will have the Rubber Chicken Race and our pot luck picnic at the Tremayne shelter near Sailboat Cove. The rubber chicken Race will begin at 2pm. This is another fun event for family and friends. The pot luck picnic will follow around 5pm. Everyone is invited to attend. We ask that everyone bring a dish to share.

**A -H** Main Dish

**I - M** Appetizer or Dessert

**N-Z** Side Dish

We need a couple of volunteers to help with the picnic. We have reserved the Tremayne shelter with the parks dept, but we need one or two people to go to the shelter early, and just hold it until others show up. If you can help let me or another board member know.

Thanks and I hope everyone has a safe and fun year sailing.

*Chris Linneman*  
COMMODORE



CCSA Naval Battle of 2016



## THE IMPORTANCES OF Using Telltales

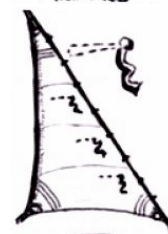
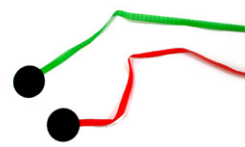
by John Millaire

ONE OF THE MOST CHALLENGING JOBS FOR SAILORS IS SETTING A BOAT'S SAILS CORRECTLY. Every time you tack, change direction, or round a mark, the sails have to be reset to accommodate a new wind direction. New sailors are taught to let out the sail "until it just lufts" then pull it in "until it stops luffing". It works, but it's pretty crude and inefficient. Every time you luff the sail or have it too tight (called "pinching") — you slow the boat down.

That's not good enough for racing. The guy sliding by you has a better answer. A simple but amazingly precise means of seeing how to set a sail to make the most effective use of the wind. Called telltales, they are simple lengths of colored ribbon attached on both sides along the front of a sail (luff) some six to eight inches from the edge. Main sails may also have a single ribbon sewn into the back edge of sail (leach).

Telltales work by reacting to the flow of wind over the sails. Ideally, the front six inches of a sail should point directly into the wind, splitting its' flow in two, so that roughly half of the wind flows down each side. With the two flows balanced, the ribbons will stream straight back and you can see that the sail is set correctly.

When a boat turns or the wind shifts direction, the ideal balance of wind flowing over the sail is lost and the sail must be adjusted in or out, or the boat has to be turned. The great value of telltales is that



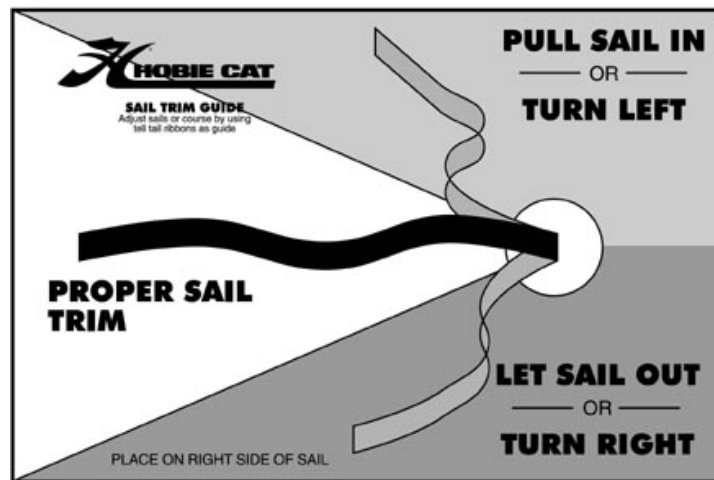
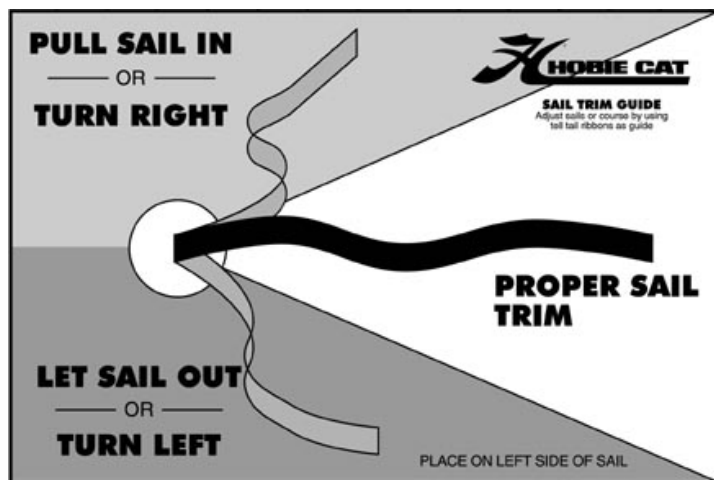
they show you directly how to set your sail.

- Telltale on the far side up or down — let the sail out or turn the boat up.
- Telltale on the near side up or down — pull the sail in or turn the boat down.

The main thing is to have telltales on your sails and start practicing with them. You will soon see how sensitive and effective they are for controlling sails.

- Get the telltale on the far side of the sail streaming back first. Its' flow is slightly more important than the inside telltale.
- A wind indicator on top of the mast is another important tool to determine wind direction. It is very helpful when going down wind. It shows when "Wing On Wing" is feasible and helps prevent unexpected jibes.
- Telltales tied to stays can give quick, eye level indications of wind direction.
- For more information go to Youtube and search "Telltales" - for good videos.
- For articles Google "Telltales" for more extensive descriptions.

**USING TELLTALES CAN TAKE YOU TO A WHOLE NEW LEVEL OF SAILING SUCCESS!**



## Boatyard Responsibilities

by Marshall Galliers, Boatyard Manager

FOR THOSE OF YOU STORING BOATS this is a reminder that we need to move all the boats and mow the lawn each month. We begin at 8:00 am and are done by 9:15 am generally on the first Saturday of each month. Each renter is required to participate in two boatyard events a season. We know the storage fee is very reasonable. One of the reasons is your volunteer labor. Please insure you show up for your share of boatyard mornings. Coffee and snacks are provided and we have a brief get together before leaving.