

Fair Winds

THE CREVE COEUR SAILING ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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October 2018

WINTER SOCIAL February 3

Race Day 1 April 22, 2pm

Race Day 2 May 6, 2pm

Race Day 3 June 3, 2pm

Race Day 4 June 10, 2pm

Race Day 5 June 24, 2pm

Race Day 6 July 8, 2pm

Race Day 7 July 22, 2pm

NAVAL BATTLE July 29, 2pm

Race Day 8 August 5, 2pm

RUBBER CHICKEN RACE & PICNIC Aug. 19, 2pm

Race Day 9 September 9, 2pm

Race Day 10 September 23, 2pm

Race Day 11 October 7, 2pm

Race Day 12 October 21, 2pm

FALL BANQUET November 17

BOATYARD CLEANUP DAYS

April 7, 8am

May 5, 8am

June 2, 8am

July 7, 8am

August 4, 8am

September 1, 8am

October 6, 8am

BOARD MEETINGS

January 22

February 26

March 26

April 23

May 21

June 25

July 23

August 27

September 24

October 22

DAN GILL



Commodore's Corner

HELLO EVERYONE,

Well it is getting to the end of our sailing season. We have had a very good year with our club. There have been many good races this year. I hope you have enjoyed participating in them. One of our fun events, the Navel Battle had to be cancelled because of rain. The other fun event, the Rubber Chicken race went very well. The pot luck picnic was also a big success and I think everyone had a good time.



We did some repairs on the boat ramp and on the boat dock this year to help make sailing better for all.

In the boatyard, we had a couple of issues. There was a huge wind storm early in June that blew back part of the roof to a boatshed. We made some repairs on it, but before we could return to finish the repairs, we had another strong wind storm, that again blew back part of the same roof. Unfortunately this time it blew off some concrete blocks we had holding the roof down and it damaged a nearby car. There was also a large tree trunk that fell and damaged a member's sailboat. We have since had the roof repaired and several trees trimmed back.

Our final big event will be the Fall Banquet scheduled for November 17, 2018. We will be sending out invitations to this event. Everyone is invited. Please send in your invitations early so we can get an accurate count on who will be there. There will be an awards presentation along with nominations to next year's board and some fun entertainment. I hope everyone can attend.

Thank You,

Chris Linneman

COMMODORE

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on November 6.**

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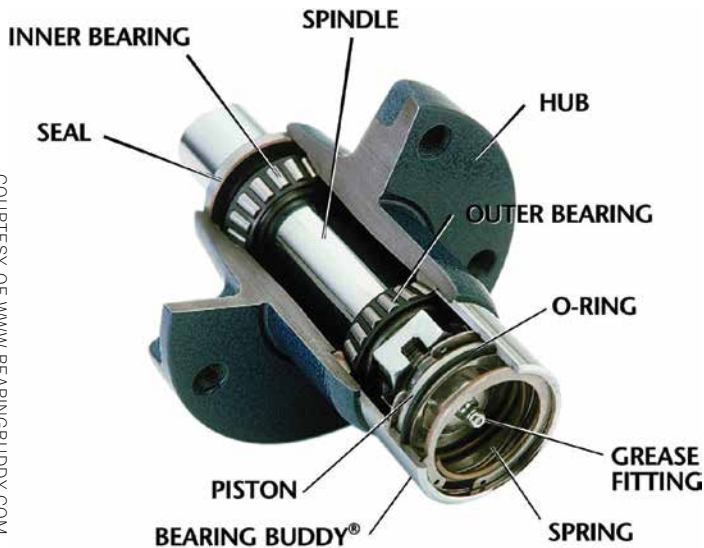
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2018 Dockside Dates



Trailer Maintenance

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Below: Example of locking nut and washer that were welded together from the heat of no lubricant/grease on the bearings.



Above: Bearing buddy from seasonal usage.

Bearings: Keeping Your Trailer Rolling.

Dennis Bardle

What are you thinking right now? The race clock is nearing 1-minute. Are you in position? Do you have a clear course to the line? Bearings... what? We are at the end of another race season and boat and trailer maintenance is probably the last thing on your mind.

Trailers like many in our club, are pulled from the lake back to boat storage and have a good chance of a little or a lot of water that seeps into the wheel hub and bearings. These bearings do not get heated up and dry out due to the short distance the trailer is pulled.

Bearings are metal spinning parts packed with grease that allow the trailer wheels to spin freely. Since they are submerged in water, hopefully many times throughout the race season, water often seeps inside. Over time water can flush out the grease leaving the bearings to wear. The friction can cause heat and even fire leaving you and your Y-Flyer, Sunfish, Laser, Capri 14.2 or other sailboat stranded on Marine Ave far from the rest of the fleet.

I recommend the following steps to check and maintain the boat trailer's bearings. It is a good idea to do this at least once a year. I pull my wheel hubs and check the bearings for water and or rust at the end of the season, but you might consider doing this as part of race season prep at the beginning of the season.



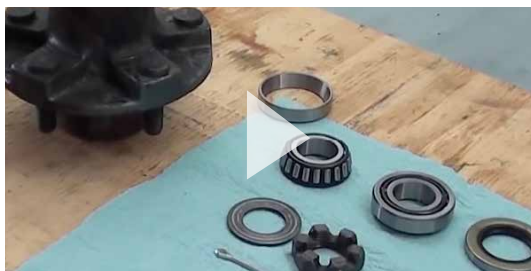
Left: Fisherman and mechanic in his helpful instructional videos on this topic. Right: Packing the bearings with grease.

I found these helpful videos on YouTube from a fisherman and mechanic in Arkansas.

Part 1: Hub removal, parts inspection, boat shop trip.
www.youtube.com/watch?v=2_9iBXjhaaM

Part 2: Packing bearings with grease, reassembly.
www.youtube.com/watch?v=WPH3n5hdPHQ

As in the video, sometimes water finds its way into the hub. This can lead to improper wear, rust and damage. It is very important the bearing assembly be sealed properly to keep water and dirt out. Replacement bearings and parts run between \$50 and \$80. The parts can be found where boats and boat trailers are sold. If you need help, let me know. Just throw in \$75 for my time.



Left: Assembly on part two of the mentioned video.

Right: Close inspection of and cleaning of bearing.



Boats and trailers don't maintain themselves. Just like anything sails and sheets, bearings and trailers need to be maintained too.