



*Storm moving over Little Sage: Submitted by Pat Dowd*

## **Vice Commodore's Message:**

As I write this message we are now in a mid-winter warm spell after a pretty brutal cold snap. I have to say that when the temperature gets down to below -35 and stays there, it does make you question the term "global warming". But then a week later they start predicting plus 7! I guess that is why they now are calling it Climate Change.

Over the last couple of years we have seen signs of that unpredictable change in our weather patterns. In 2018 we had one of the earliest breakups that many had seen. Yet, we saw the coldest August on record. The 2019 season seemed like the season of the storms, with an unusual number of severe hailstorms hitting the lake causing tremendous

damage. Temperatures as well seem to swing from hot and sunny to “Lets hook up the heater”, from day to day.

Besides the weather, we are also seeing other types of changes around the lake. It used to be said that Lake Diefenbaker and the Elbow Marina were Saskatchewan’s best-kept secret. Well, it would seem that the secret is now out and development has gone into high gear. We have seen new developments in Dog Leg at the Gardner Dam and around the Elbow Harbor. All of this happening with surprising speed.

What do all of these changes mean for us as a club. Well when it comes to the more unpredictable nature of our weather it makes it more important than ever for us to continue to practice and promote Safe Boating. Such as with our Sailing School, the hosting of CPSS classes and our support of the Safe Harbors / Moorings programs.

As a club we also need to continue to have a voice where we can. We need to be a part of the development and make sure our concerns are at least heard.

As look forward to another season of boating and sailing, lets include plans to keep each other safe on the lake. Lets also include plans to be involved as the LDYC continues to make things better for the next generation.

Vice Commodore  
Dale Brunet



## **Around the docks:**

Towards the end of November the work on the retaining wall has begun. As reported by one of the work crew, they are done all the work for this fall. He said that they would come back in spring when water level is lower, pile up concrete blocks along water edge and then haul dirt down from parking lot to back fill the excavated area where blocks will be installed. The fish shack is now up in the parking lot, and will be relocated somewhere up at top of hill.

Please keep in mind that the boat launch will be closed until the work is completed. We should expect some delays in launching this spring.



The east side winch on the mast step was damaged last summer when a visitor to the lake backed into it with his truck. The winch has been replaced. The rest of the repair was completed by LB Welding in December last year during the warmer weather. Other than a little paint to be done in the spring it is ready to go.

The cost of the repair was covered by the visitors insurance.



# Around the Club:

## 2020 Club Events

May 30 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Annual Meeting &amp; Icebreaker</b>	- Craig & Linda Nelson
June 20 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Keelboat Challenge &amp; BBQ</b>	- Volunteer needed.
July 18 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Mildner Cup &amp; BBQ</b>	- Volunteer needed.
July -- --*	<b>Sailing School</b>	- Duane Weekes
August 15	<b>Martini Cup &amp; BBQ</b>	- Volunteer needed.
August 31	<b>Year-end Social &amp; Awards</b>	- Volunteer needed.

**Commodore's Breakfast** – Date to be determined by the Commodore  
**Cruise Week/Cruise & Climb** – Dates TBD – Volunteer needed.

If you would like to volunteer to host an event in 2020 or help someone host, please contact one of the directors or myself.

*\*As of this writing the dates for the Sailing School have not been confirmed, however they will likely be the last week of July (July 27-31). All Members will be updated once the dates are finalized.*



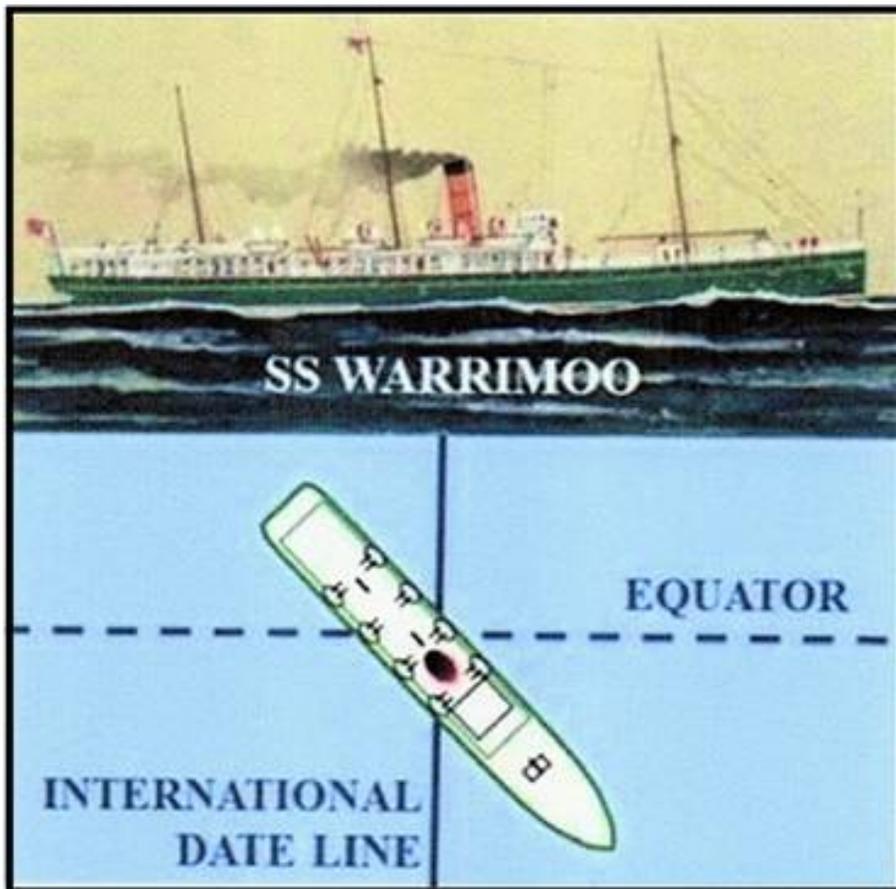
## Club Fees:

Remember that with the change in our club year-end, Membership fees are due April 1, 2020. The fees are the same as last year. If you are sending a cheque remember to send it to the new address c/o Brenda Hesje, Treasurer. PO Box 313, Elbow, Saskatchewan, S0H 1J0

If you are wanting to pay by e-transfer please contact Brenda Hesje at [bhesje@gmail.com](mailto:bhesje@gmail.com) to make the necessary arrangements.

## Proposed 2020 Directors:

Commodore	- Vacant
Vice -Commodore	- Dale Brunet
Past Commodore	- Brian Chalmers
Secretary	- Gary Yeo
Treasurer	- Brenda Hesje
Safety Director	- Dwight Erickson
Race Director	- Steve Haddad
Member at Large	- Romuald Lagace
Member at Large	- Bruce Lyle
Member at Large	- Duane Weekes



## An Interesting Navigational thought

The passenger steamer SS Warrimoo was quietly knifing its way through the waters of the mid-Pacific on its way from Vancouver to Australia. The navigator had just finished working out a star fix and brought Captain John D.S. Phillips, the result. The Warrimoo's position was LAT 0° 31' N and LONG 179 30' W. The date was 31 December 1899.

"Know what this means?" First Mate Payton broke in, "We're only a few miles from the intersection of the Equator and the International Date Line" Captain Phillips was prankish enough to take full advantage of the opportunity for achieving the navigational freak of a lifetime.

He called his navigators to the bridge to check & double check the ship's position. He changed course slightly so as to bear directly on his mark. Then he adjusted the engine

The calm weather & clear night worked in his favor. At mid-night the SS Warrimoo lay on the Equator at exactly the point where it crossed the International Date Line! The consequences of this bizarre position were many:

The forward part (bow) of the ship was in the Southern Hemisphere & in the middle of summer.

The rear (stern) was in the Northern Hemisphere & in the middle of winter.

The date in the aft part of the ship was 31 December 1899.

In the bow (forward) part it was 1 January 1900.

This ship was therefore not only in:

Two different days,

Two different months,

Two different years,

Two different seasons

But in two different centuries - all at the same time

## Snopes.com Says

Part of this tale is unremarkable, as any time a ship (or other object) crosses the equator it momentarily straddles hemispheres (and therefore seasons), and any time a ship crosses the International Date Line, it momentarily spans two different calendrical days. But is the most compelling part of this tale true — that the *Warrimoo* not only briefly bridged different hemispheres and days simultaneously, but that it managed to exist in two different centuries at once (putting aside the quibble that the 20th century didn't technically begin until 1901)?

We do know from contemporaneous reporting in January 1900 that the SS *Warrimoo* was generally in the right area at the right time for this account to *possibly* be true:

This account may very well be true, but the fact that it apparently wasn't reported until more than 40 years after the fact is a potential cause for skepticism. Other forms of documentation —

such as copies of the ship's log, contemporaneous reporting of the event, and accounts from other *Warrimoo* crew and passengers — would go a long way towards verifying the claim, but we haven't found that any such documentation exists.

Additionally, even if the *Warrimoo*'s crew had the *intent* of positioning the ship so that it simultaneously spanned the equator and 180th meridian precisely at midnight on 31 December 1899 and attempted to do so, whether they could have accurately achieved that feat given the [navigation](#) technology of the time is an open question.

As Spatial Reserves blog noted of this tale: “Our modern digital world is full of fragments that are interesting if not completely accurate, but I think as GIS professionals and educators, it is worth applying ‘be critical of the data’ principles even to this type of information. The story is still interesting as a hypothetical ‘what could have happened’ and provides great teachable moments even if the actual event never occurred

**Submitted By John Hartley**



## **1987 C&C 27 MK V for Sale**



This shoal keelboat is likely the best “light air” boat you will ever see, but if you reef early she can handle anything you want her to!!

Price: \$17,500.00

Located in Elbow Marina (Oasis).

Details:

- Yanmar 1gm10 - about 550 hours
- Gori 2 blade folding prop (a bit too large and original 2 blade fixed prop)
- Fuel tank and system cleaned about 2015 and electric fuel pump plumbed in (in addition to mechanical pump - can use either)
- new rudder from Phil's Foils (Ottawa) in 2014
- jabsco twist & lock head - holding tank and Y valve for sewage
- Danforth anchor and rode
- teak cabin interior - excellent condition - cabin sole and washboard refinished
- handmade mahogany cockpit table, pushpit seats, manual bilge pump trim, cockpit shelves, and folding galley shelf – cockpit cushions
- pressure alcohol stove - upgraded deeper galley sink installed
- Pioneer am/fm radio/CD player with remote cabin and cockpit speakers - two way marine radio
- automatic electric bilge pump and manual bilge pump
- upgraded st2000 autohelm - 120 volt shore power hookup and cable
- roller furling - original north sails main and Genoa as spares - (Boston) full batten main sail and quantum Genoa - hand built retractable/stow away lazy jacks - Boston Doyle Kevlar racing Genoa - white spinnaker and spinnaker pole - colourful asymmetrical spinnaker and dousing sock
- main bariant winches recently serviced, and “winchers” installed (partially self tailing devices)
- tandem “car hauler” trailer and boat cradle (trailer tongue extended by professional welder).

Contact Joel or Brenda Hesje at [bhesje@gmail.com](mailto:bhesje@gmail.com)



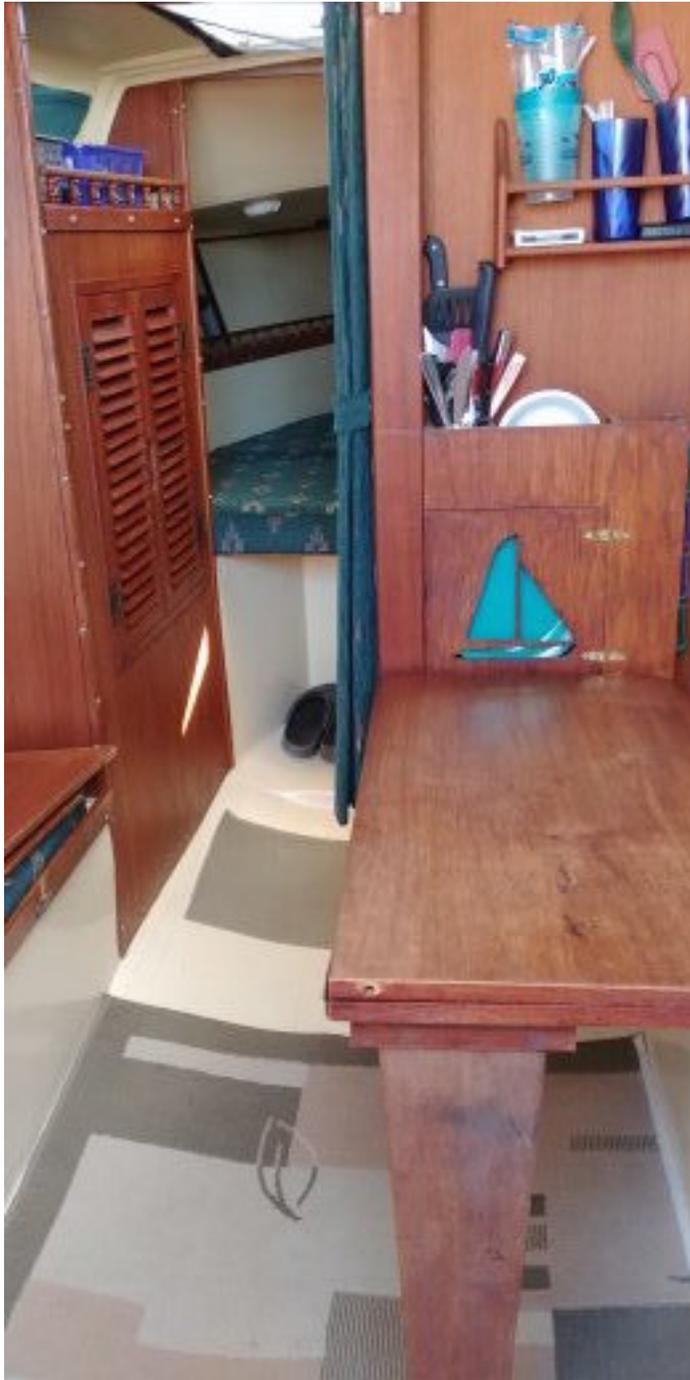
**For Sale: 1980 27 ft. Catalina "Saba Star"**

Located "A" Dock, slip 26. Asking \$10,500.00

3 head sails, 9.9 hp Honda outboard, 3 burner propane stove, Insulated ice box, Porta-potty & Bbq, Sleeps 4-5 persons

This is a great starter boat for a family.





Contact: Brian or Nancy Loire- 306-543-4267

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*Evening Mist in Maskepetoon : Submitted by Dave Messner*



The Spring Pennant will be out in April 2020. Any club news, articles or pictures should be submitted to me at [dalebrunet@gmail.com](mailto:dalebrunet@gmail.com) by the end of March 2020.

***Remember Please:*** do not send any items to the club e-mail as it is not monitored.  
*Thank you.*