

WIND WORDS

Newsletter of the Convair Sailing Club

March • 2025

Commodore's Corner



Dear CSC Sailors,

I wanted to thank those who came to our Feb 8 work party. The boats are much spiffier now and we had just under 20 members helping that day. *Thank you!*

You may have noticed that efforts are underway to improve the condition and appearance of our boats. It's not an overnight set of changes but instead, improvements that take time and you'll notice little by little as you come down to the docks and go sailing. Over the coming 60 days, we will also be ordering new main sails for the Victory fleet.

I'd asked a group of 4 current and former board members and racers to form a Fleet Optimization Committee to examine our club's fleet size and provide a recommendation to the BOD regarding the optimum fleet composition the club should have. As you may have noticed, we often have many boats at dock. This lower utilization of a portion of our fleet saddles the club with unnecessary costs yet provides only marginal value to our members.

The Committee presented to the BOD at the March 5th meeting and the BOD voted overwhelmingly to adopt their recommendation. As

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February Victory Race



Photo credit: Joe Rollinson

This photo of the Sunday race shows the V610 in the lead. Looks like great sailing weather.

Saturday's Victory contest belonged to Sandy Leon who took 1st place in both races! Second place on Saturday was taken by Bruce and Robert in the first race and John Killian and Joe Rollinson in the second race.

The Sunday Victory race was challenging according to everyone we spoke to. Congratulations to Rajeev Jain, captaining the V610. Jain's two first place showings in the Sunday races moves him up to 4th place in the current 2025 standings. Rajeev shares the 4th place slot with Tom Bedford. Ironically, Tom (*who captained the V634 in the Saturday race*) crewed for Rajeev on Sunday!

Jim Walker took 2nd in the first race on Sunday. A team called Tabor's Pirates took 2nd in the second race. on Sunday.



Here is Joe Rollinson's report from the Committee Boat:

"Combining the fleets meant having 8 boats race together in the second fleet, which was a fun sight to see for a Convair race. The Northwest wind was shifting a lot and curving around structures like Tom Ham's in interesting ways. There were many place changes which is always

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Can you hand me that toolbox?

What Do You Need Me To Do?

Convoir held a Work Party on February 8th. It was an incredible success! Fleet Captain Tom Bedford rallied the troops, "We had 17 volunteers who showed up and put in several hours each.

We power-washed all the decks, cleaned all the hull topsides, and checked all the rigging. A great turnout with a fantastic amount of work accomplished".



Most of the work party arrived at 10:00 to get first choice of donuts but people arrived all morning.

In early February, Fleet Captain Tom Bedford called for a Work Party that was attended by an enthusiastic team of 17 CSC members.

There are many ways to lend a hand. Some are simple and quick, others require skills you can learn on the job. It's a great way to meet your fellow members!



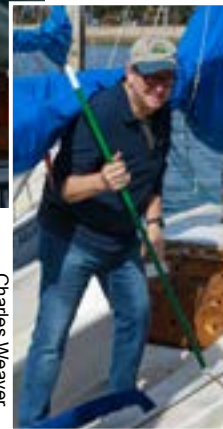
Special thanks to Photographer Fiona Weaver who took most of the photos you see here. Follow her on Instagram: [@fi_fotos3](#)



Rajeev Jain



Paul Feldon



Charles Weaver



Bob Lewis



Hector Smith



Michael Snare



Craig Unger



Jeff Nelson

Tracy Williams

Saturday's Great Attendees:

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| Bob Lewis | Paul Feldon |
| Charles Weaver | Rajeev Jain |
| Craig Unger | Sam Willett |
| Fiona Weaver | Sandy Leon |
| Frank Long | Sue Macdonald |
| Hector Smith | Tom Bedford |
| Jeff Nelson | Tracy Williams |
| John Hysler | Wyatt Weaver |
| Michael Snare | |



Frank Long



John Hysler

Sam Willett



Wyatt Weaver



Sandy Leon




Tom Bedford

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a result, the club will transform to a fleet of 6 Ensigns and 6 Victories, and shed 4 of our lesser condition Victories. By doing this, we will streamline our cost structure while investing in the remaining boats and bringing them up to the performance and appearance standards befitting our club and the expectations of our membership.

The 4 Victories the club will be eliminating from our fleet are: V618, V631, V633, and V634. Note: the new jibs purchased last year will be retained by the club.

Offer: Prior to offering these boats to others, the BOD agreed we should first offer them to our existing members. If any current member wishes to obtain one of these boats free of charge, they should contact me directly at: tw.cscsail@gmail.com or by telephone at 760-419-9044 no later than Friday, March 21. Thereafter we will proceed to work with external parties to find new homes for any remaining.

Thank You!
Tracy 


First New Member In 2025



Convair Members Invade British Virginie Islands

Jeff Strickfaden and Hans Klein took their wives on a sailing tour of the British Verine Islands in a Lagoon 46 catamaran bareboat.




It looks like they had a great time. We'll let the photos tell the story. 



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Convair welcomes Sam Willett. Sam contacted us last year but submitted his application on New Years Day.


His Victory check-out was delayed on Saturday due to white caps on the bay. 

Midwinter Nationals

Convair paced 1st and 3rd at the Midwinter Nationals in Mission Bay. John Killian and Joe Rollinson finished in 1st place. Sandy Leon and Tom Bedford took 3rd.



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good to see. Hats off to Rajeev and Tom who had two great starts and who skated past TPSC on the first run of the second race to take the lead and never looked back. We had sunshine, wind, the downtown skyline and a thick bank of fog hanging right over Point Loma but never pushing far enough in to affect our playground. It was winter racing at its best in San Diego and we were all lucky to be out there.” 

February Victory Race Standings.

Skipper	Place	Points
Sandy Leon	1	5
Bruce / Robert	2	8
Terry Edlund	3	19
Tom Bedford	4	20
Rajeev Jain	4	20
Tabor's Pirates	6	25
Craig Unger	7	30
Omar & Amy	8	31
John K / Joe R	9	35
Gregory Herbster	10	39
Doug Bass	11	40
Bob Lewis	11	40
James Walker	13	43
Dan Battiste	14	45
Jack Cabeen	15	52

Convair Sailing Club Board of Directors

All Convair Members are welcome to attend the Board meetings. They are held on Zoom the first Wednesday of each month. Contact Bob Keefe for a Zoom link.
bkeefeunc@gmail.com

Commodore..... Tracy Williams
 Vice Commodore..... *Open*
 Rear Commodore..... John Hysler
 Junior Staff Commodore..... Sandy Leon
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 Treasurer..... Omar Del Rio
 Director Paul Feldon
 Director Rajeev Jain
 Director Tom Bedford
 Fleet Captain Tom Bedford
 Port Captain Mark Sutton
 Chief of Racing Sandy Leon
 Chief of Instruction..... John Hysler
 Chief of Communications Jeff Nelson
 Registrar..... Rajeev Jain
 Membership Chairman..... Tom Bedford
 Chief of Checkout - Ensign.... Paul Feldon
 Chief of Checkout - Victory *Open*

As you can see, there are still some open Board of Director slots that need to be filled.

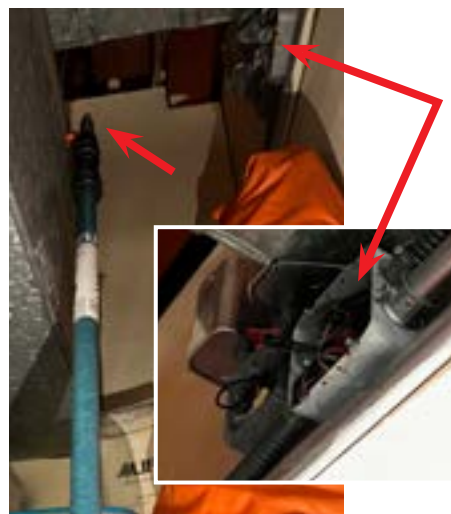
The *Vice Commodore* assists the Commodore in the discharge of his or her duties, to officiate in his absence, and to serve as the Club's Programs Director. He will succeed to the office of Commodore in the event of a vacancy in that office.

The *Chief of Checkout - Victory* conducts final checkouts for student members who have completed sailing orientation.

If you'd like to discuss the possibility of filling one of these positions please contact:

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Shocking Discovery!



E2 Co-Boat Captains Tracy Williams and Jeff Nelson were trying to remove the extendable magnet pole from the locker. It's magnets were attached to an electrical junction box *that was open!*

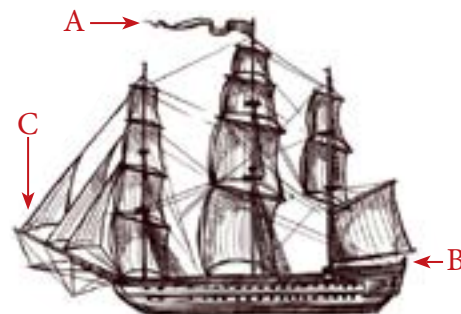
I'm not an electrician, so when I see red wires, along with the white and black ones, I always just assume they are 220V. We moved the pole to where you see it in the photo.


Jerry Rapp's Q&A

CSC member Jerry Rapp supplied the following quiz questions for our entertainment. See if you can answer them! (Answers in Column 3.)


Questions:

1. What is the significance of the 22 in Etchell's 22? ?
2. What color is buoy 17?
3. What color is buoy 18?
4. Do cold fronts move at one-half the rate as warm fronts, same, or twice as fast?
5. Where would you move a fairlead to increase twist in the genoa?
6. What do we call the combination of true wind with the wind developed by boat speed



7. *Extra Credit:* See if you were paying attention. In the January edition of *WindWords* we identified the Bowsprit? Is it: A, B, C, or D - *None of the above.* 

Answers:


1. The length of the sailboats waterline. 
2. Green.
3. Red.
4. Typically cold fronts move at twice the rate as do warm fronts.
5. Move it aft.
6. The apparent wind.
7. C. Attached to the Bow

Helpful Info.


Convair's **New** Email:

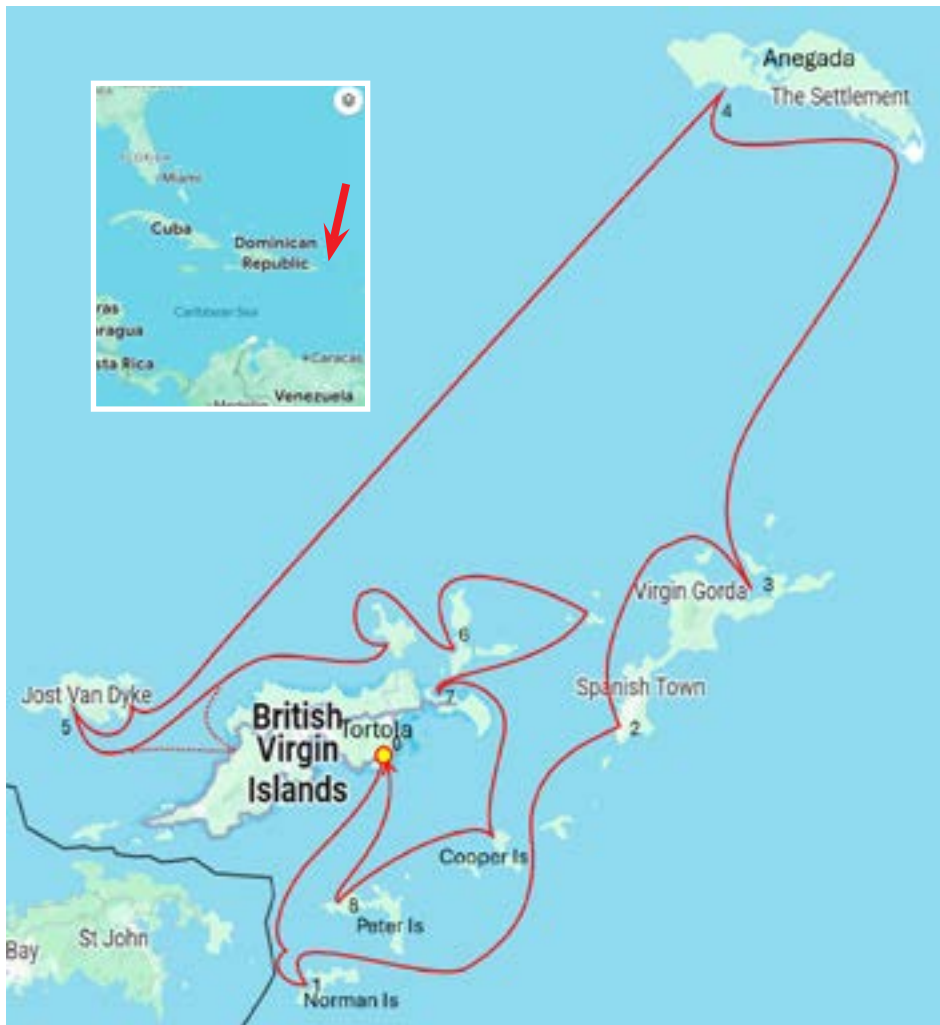
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Coast Guard Safety:
www.uscgboating.org 

ConvairSailingClub-info@GoogleGroups.com
We Agree. It's A Really Long Address.

If you have a story you'd like to see in *WindWords* text "CSC Story" to 760-533-8706. 



The trip from Tortola took them to 8 locations and a lot of open ocean.




OK, It wasn't all fun and games!
 "It rained so hard and gusts over 20knwe couldn't see much at all, and Jeff needed to protect his contacts...Of course, 10 minutes later it's all good again."



A Booming Success For The E722

Faithful readers of *WindWords* will recall that the 722 (*Frank Long and Craig Unger*) finished first in the 2024 Ocean Race despite being short a crew member which prevented them from flying their spinnaker. *WindWords* has now learned that they also had a broken boom connector. They had to tie the boom to the mast!

Repairs to that connector were completed and installed last week. The photos below show two of several steps needed repair the connector. 



Steel rods were cut and attached to the broken end of the connector.

The rods were shaped and epoxied to match the original fitting..



A "U" shaped bracket was added to connect the restored part to the mast.

The repairs were done by E323 Boat Captain Paul Feldon, seen here departing the E722 with what appears to be Frank Long's Race Playbook.

