

# THE HAILER

## HOLIDAY 2022



### HAPPY HOLIDAYS AT DCYC!

In this issue, we'll hear from the commodore about the annual meeting and DCYC awards. Then he'll share some important information about the upcoming Commodore Christmas Party and more.

Doug Thrift will share some expertise on wind speed and sailing conditions. Then we will hear from past commodore, Randall Massey and learn about the 2023 Youth Sailing Program from Youth Coach Ed.

Finally, check out the Hazard Map in this issue to learn about dangerous areas of the lake due to low water levels.

Have a very Merry Christmas from DCYC!

### CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS

The Hailer is accepting submissions for articles, photographs, announcements, and classifieds. If you have something you would like to be included in the Hailer, send it to [thehailerdcyc@gmail.com](mailto:thehailerdcyc@gmail.com) by the 15th of each month. We look forward to seeing your submissions!



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### FROM THE COMMODORE

JOHN PHERSON

COMMODORE DCYC 2022



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

AND OTHER TOPICS

As you all probably know, our annual General Member meeting was held on Saturday, November, 5th. For those of you who were unable to attend, I would like to share some highlights of the meeting. The club's financial performance was presented by Treasurer John Horwedel, and the bottom line is that we overspent our expense budget due to some big-ticket repairs to the club's water distribution system, the pool, the gate card system and the clubhouse but we over-

performed by the same amount in terms of club income, so one balanced out the other and we came out about even.

Some of the bigger items approved in next years budget are the clubhouse renovation, which was planned for this year but delayed due to water problems, residence repairs, etc. We are also planning to get new motors for two of our chase/work boats and will be adding a water storage tank to improve the capacity and performance of the water well. Additionally, we announced a completed leasing arrangement with one of our members to lease the residence, who has already moved in.

Normally, three board members' three-year terms expire each year, hence we elect 3 new Governors. In this case, since our incoming Commodore has to give up his board seat, the first alternate will be needed. The individuals selected were Keith Bogdan, Laurie Cronin, and Adam Steczko. In addition, Kathy Lusk, the first alternate will be seated. Scott Fiel will become the first alternate. Additionally, the Past Commodore role on the board will be filled by Dave Lorenat.

We also handed out awards at the meeting. I won't go into the fine details of each award, but generally they are given for exceptional service to the club, sportsmanship, promoting sailing education, or racing prowess. The following were the recipients this year:

John Harris Award: Matt Harden

William T Hart Award: Paul Bell

Kelly Holmes-Moon Award: Adam Steczko

Jim Johnson Award: Dave Lorenat

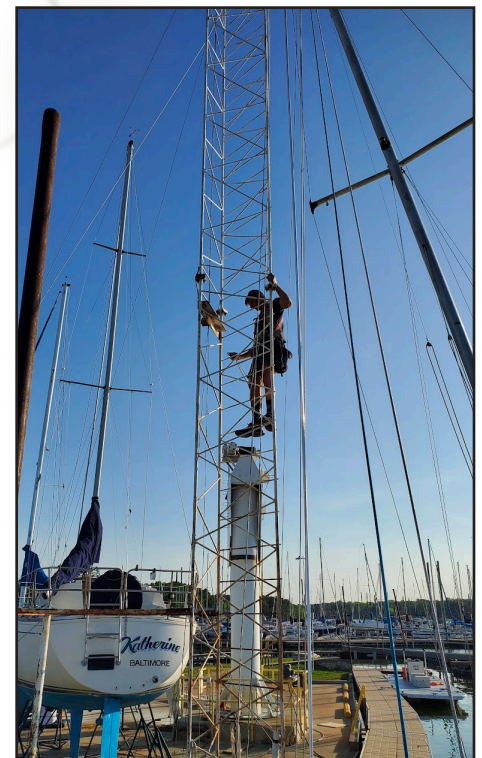


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Arthur P. Mazro Award: Dave Patterson

Finally, we announced the new Commodores for next year:

Commodore Chance Beck:

Vice Commodore Paul Bell

Rear Commodore Keith Bogdan

A special thanks goes to Scott Fiel for helping us with our mailings for this meeting. Scott's company printed the agendas and also printed and stuffed the envelopes. Thanks, Scott!

On a separate topic, please sign up soon for the Commodore's Christmas party. The party is capped at 75 due

to space and the slots are filling up fast. Dress for this event is dressy casual.

We are hoping the weather is nice but are prepared if it's not. Dinner will be upstairs and the band will be downstairs or maybe even on the patio if the weather is nice. It will be a blast.

Sign up and pay on the [dcyc.org](http://dcyc.org) website.

Laissez le bon temp rouler!  
et

Joyeux Noel!

John Pherson

Commodore 2022

### COMING EVENTS

#### COMMODORES

##### CHRISTMAS PARTY

**When:** December 3, 2022

**Time:** 6:00 P.M.

**Location:** DCYC

#### PRIVATE EVENT

**When:** December 8, 2022

**Time:** 5:00 P.M.

**Location:** DCYC Upstairs

#### PRIVATE EVENT

**When:** December 17, 2022

**Time:** 6:00 P.M.

**Location:** DCYC Upstairs

#### FALL AND WINTER

##### SERIES 2

**When:** Jan 14, 2023-Feb 25, 2023

**Location:** DCYC

To participate in any of these events, visit [dcyc.org](http://dcyc.org).



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### THANK YOU LETTER FROM HOBIE ASSOCIATION

I received the following letter from the Hobie Fleet 23 about their recent regatta experience at DCYC.



October 25, 2022

John Pherson, Commodore

Chance Beck, Vice Commodore

And Board of Governors and Members of DCYC

1399 Yacht Club Rd.

Oak Point, TX 75068

Dear John, Chance and all DCYC Members,

On behalf of Hobie Cat Fleet 23 and the Hobie Class Association of North America (HCANA), I'd like to offer a hearty thank you for allowing the Hobie fleet to host our Hobie 14 North American Championship (NAC) regatta at DCYC.

It was a pleasure to spotlight Dallas Corinthian Yacht Club as venue for this championship event. I could not be more grateful to you and the DCYC members for their hospitality and for sharing your very special facility. DCYC is a perfect location, and yacht club, for Hobie sailors. You have a great beach launch, outstanding clubhouse, and the friendliest members I know. As a Hobie competitor, I've been to many yacht clubs and sailing clubs across the country and you all are the most hospitable group I know.

The competitors of the Hobie 14 NACs had a blast! The wind may have been on the lighter side during the week, but the parties and DCYC member interaction was strong. It was heartwarming to share the camaraderie and spirit of the two groups throughout the two regattas (Mid-Ams and NACs), and to feel so welcome at your location.

It was especially rewarding to bring a Hobie North American Championship regatta to DCYC in 2022, on top of the J24 event you hosted in May. I can only hope we can collaborate on future high-profile events.

In appreciation of the continued support of DCYC over the years, we'd like to present a donation of \$750 on behalf of Hobie Fleet 23 and the Hobie Class Association of North America. Please consider this a special thank you for the use of your facility, and to acknowledge your outstanding support of this event.

It's been our good fortune to enjoy the friendship of many DCYC members over the years, and I look forward to developing even closer bonds with you all in the future. In closing, I offer a Gaelic blessing to you and the DCYC Members.

"They were good ships, the wood ships,  
The ships that sailed the seas.  
But the best ships are friendships,  
And may they always be!"

Sheila Holmes

Event Organizer, Hobie Fleet 23, Dallas

1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair, Hobie Class Association of North America





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### TOO MUCH WIND TO SAIL?

BY DOUG THRIFT

I'm often asked about wind speeds and when to sail or not. Although every boat is different there are some general rules of thumb. I've had students who owned boats who would not go out in wind speeds above 5 knots until I helped them learn to enjoy higher winds. Other new students believed that the higher the better.

Wind is powerful, I crewed on a 2-masted schooner sailing at 11 knots under bare poles on a broad reach. At other times I've watched the rail stay in the water under reefed conditions. In general, we would never take a recreational sailboat out in those conditions and expect to survive without some damage. So, when is the wind velocity too much for recreational sailboats like the ones at DCYC? Usually before Small

Craft Warnings are issued at 25 MPH. The sweet spot for most of our keelboats is 8-12 MPH. My heavy Catalina 30 loves to sail in 10-15 MPH conditions.

I reference the Beaufort scale when explaining wind speed ranges. Why do the observable conditions change so drastically with each jump in scale? It's all about the wind pressure on the sails and boat. Wind is a fluid and the pressure it exerts on an object is a

**Beaufort Scale and Sailing Conditions Preparation**

Scale	Name	MPH	On Open Water	On Land	Sailing Upwind	Sailing Downwind
0	Calm	<1	Smooth and mirror like	Calm, smoke rises	Sit and Bake	Sit and Bake
1	Light Air	1-3	Scaly ripples, no foam crests	Smoke drifts indicates wind direction	Practice light air sailing	Practice light air sailing
2	Light Breeze	4-7	Small wavelets, crests glassy, no breaking	Wind felt on face, leaves rustle	Nice and relaxed sailing	Excellent for drifters & spinnakers
3	Gentle Breeze	8-12	Large wavelets, crests begin to break, scattered whitecaps	Leaves and small twigs constantly moving, light flags extend	Excellent Small Craft sailing	Excellent Small Craft sailing
4	Moderate Breeze	13-18	Small waves 1-4ft, numerous whitecaps	Dust leaves and loose paper lifted, small tree branches move	Small Craft Caution 17 - 23 mph 15 knots (17 mph): first reef in main, genoa possibly 10 percent furled.	20 knots (23 mph): first reef in main, maintain full genoa.
5	Fresh Breeze	19-24	Moderate waves 4-8ft, many whitecaps, some stray	Small trees in leaf begin to sway	Small Craft Warning 25 - 38 mph 22 knots (25 mph): second reef in main, genoa 20 percent furled.	25 knots (28 mph): second reef in main, furl genoa 15 to 20 percent.
6	Strong Breeze	25-31	Large waves 8-13ft, white foam streaks off breakers	Large tree branches moving, whistling in wires	30 knots (34 mph): third reef in main or storm staysail, genoa 40 percent furled or removed and stowed below, deploy storm jib or storm staysail.	
7	Near Gale	32-38	Seas heap up, waves 13-20 ft., white foam streaks off breakers	Whole trees moving, resistance felt walking in wind		
8	Gale	39-46	Moderate high (13-20 ft.) waves of greater length, edges of crests begin to break into spindrift, foam blown in streaks	Whole trees in motion, resistance felt walking in wind	35 knots (40 mph): deep-reefed main down on traveler or dropped in favor of storm trysail, headsail furled or dropped, storm jib or storm staysail deployed.	38 knots (43 mph): third reef in main or trysail, genoa furled or removed, storm jib or storm staysail deployed.



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function of the velocity of the fluid. Designers and engineers apply the Affinity Laws of fluids to determine the pressure. In general, whenever the velocity is squared the pressure is cubed. There are losses due to shape and interferences so a general equation for Pressure = (Velocity in MPH) squared times 0.00256 = pressure per square foot on your sails and boat.

For example, a wind of 4 MPH exerts a pressure of 0.04

and a wind speed of 16 MPH exerts 0.66 pounds per square foot of area respectively. This does not look like much but let's say your typical sail plan is 300 square feet. Then the total pressure is now 12 and 198 pounds of pressure respectively. This is a 1500% increase in pressure. In practical terms, most keelboats should put in their first reef at 15 MPH and reduce their headsail about 10%. At 22 MPH the second

reef goes in.

You can learn to recognize wind speeds by observing your surroundings and comparing it to the Beaufort scale shown below. Most of us should reef early and enjoy sailing in higher wind conditions where others fear to tread.

Happy Sailing,  
Captain Doug

Sail Area Foot <sup>2</sup>	Wind Velocity MPH	Total Pressure on Sail	Percent Change above 4 kts
		$P = V^2 * 0.00256$ Pounds /foot <sup>2</sup>	
300	4	12.29	
	8	49.15	300%
	12	110.59	800%
	16	196.61	1500%
	20	307.2	2400%
	30	691.2	5525%
	40	1,228.8	9900%





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### YOUTH SAILING 2023

#### SNEAK PEEK AT THE SCHEDULE

BY YOUTH COACH, ED

It's not too early to be thinking about junior sailing next year. Youth Sailing Program staff at DCYC plans an active and rewarding sailing experience for Members' children and grandchildren and a select group of invited guest sailors. DCYC members have priority booking for these popular programs. DCYC provides all the sailboats and equipment for its camps and classes. Parents must provide their child with a life-jacket and a helmet (such as a bike helmet). Child must be able to swim. Suggested ages are 8-13 but reasonable exceptions are carefully considered. Child's body size is a factor in boat assignment and program suitability. We want your kids and grandkids to come sail. For example, this year we had three seven-year-olds and a mid-teen child; all did well in the program. Here's a sneak peek at the proposed 2023 youth sailing schedule:

Spring Saturday Sailing Classes starting in late April and ending in May. There will be three or four sessions. No

experience necessary, but we welcome experienced sailors; Dates TBA.

Summer Sailing Camps are scheduled:

Camp # 1 is June 5-9, 2023, Monday to Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Camp # 2 is June 12-16, 2023, Monday to Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Ad Hoc Sailing Opportunities may be scheduled as mutually convenient and appropriate. We are generally on hiatus during July and August due to the extreme Texas heat and light winds.

Fall Regatta Preparation and Racing Classes are scheduled for Saturday mornings in September and October for

those children who plan to sail in the Pirates of the Corinthian Regatta at DCYC and who have demonstrated sufficient sailing prowess at our camps or classes. The principal Youth Sailing Coach will help the parent decide if this class is suitable for their young sailor.

Pirates of the Corinthian Regatta is a major youth sailing event held annually in October at DCYC under the auspices of the Texas Sailing Association. The Optimist sailboat fleet thoughtfully arranges a "Green Fleet" for novice racers. This is an opportunity to have some less intense sailboat racing fun with similarly skilled sailors. The Optimist RWB fleet is available for more experienced youth racers.







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At the 2022 Pirates Regatta, DCYC had five kids in Green Fleet and one child in the RWB fleet.

DCYC Youth Sailing expects, in time for the 2023 season, to expand its fleet of Optimist and RS Tera sailboats. Watch for further updates, announcements, and communications from DCYC Youth Sailing. Contact Coach Ed @ [kw1720cc@gmail.com](mailto:kw1720cc@gmail.com).

### PIRATE SAYS!



BY RANDALL MASSEY

PAST COMMODORE

HORSE SHOE 101

It has recently been brought to my attention that horse shoes is played on dirt or grass. I thought so, as well, because I aged on a dirt horse shoe pit.

Fast forward to the Official Rule of the fine sport of Horse Shoes

1. The pit box is full of sand and 3' X 4' with the 4' in the

throwing direction. DCYC's is a little small.

2. 40' between the metal stakes.

3. 37' Foul Line 3' in front of the stakes., 27' for woman, kids, old folks & 20' for kids under 6.

4. 3 point for a ringer, 2 point for a leaner. Note some folks count 1 point if the shoe is one (1) horse shoe length from the bar ( makes the game go faster)

5. 21 point wins the game

So, enjoy yourself and it is best to NOT hit anyone on the head with and Horse Shoe.

As with most activities at DCYC, this is an adult beverage friendly sport.



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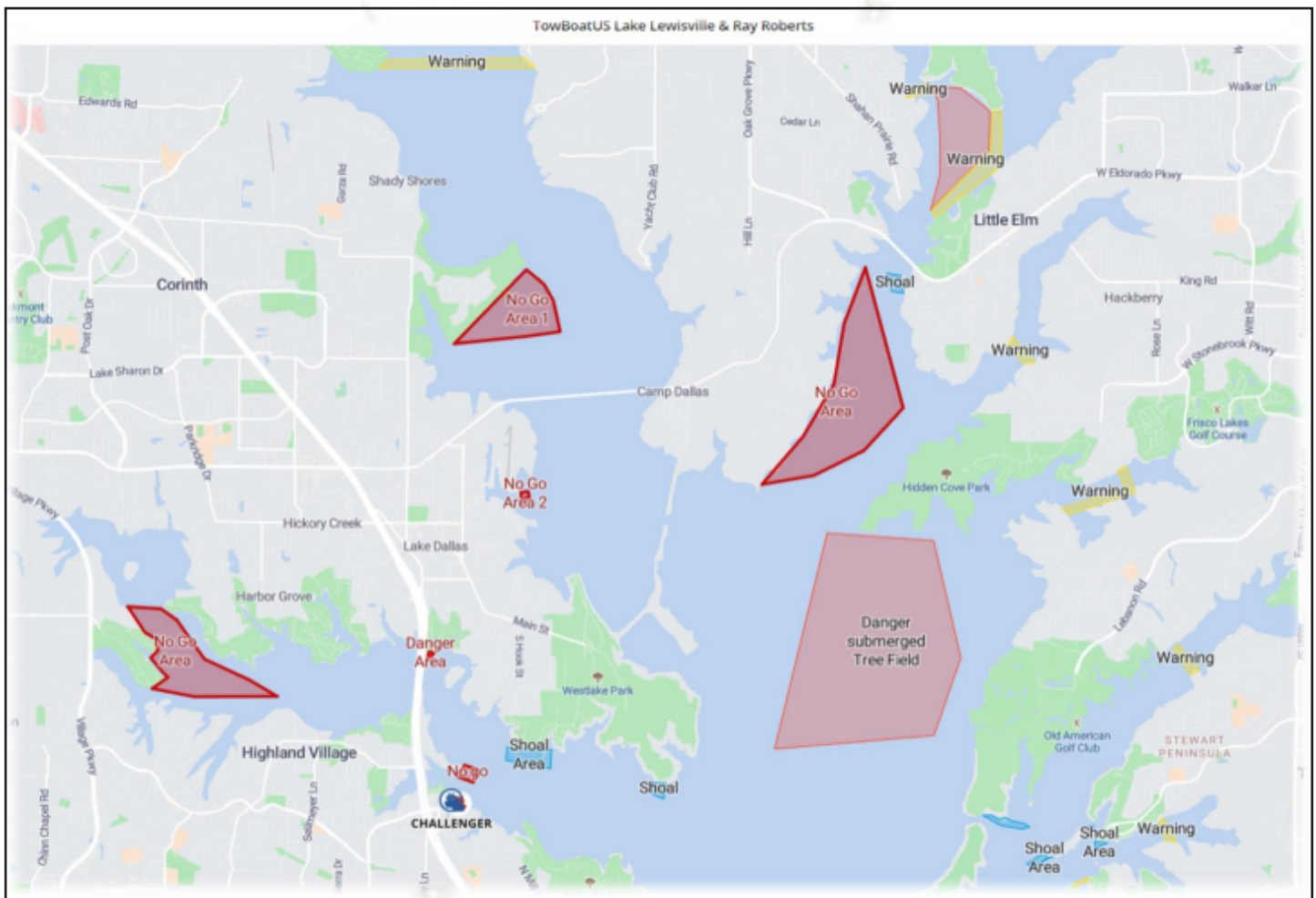


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### HAZARD MAP

This map was supplied by Towboat US and shows the dangerous areas of the Lake due to low water levels. With the water levels as low as they are, we are seeing a number of boating mishaps due to boats striking barely submerged, or newly exposed objects in the water. These maps from Towboat US will hopefully keep you out of trouble as you are sailing or motoring around the lake.



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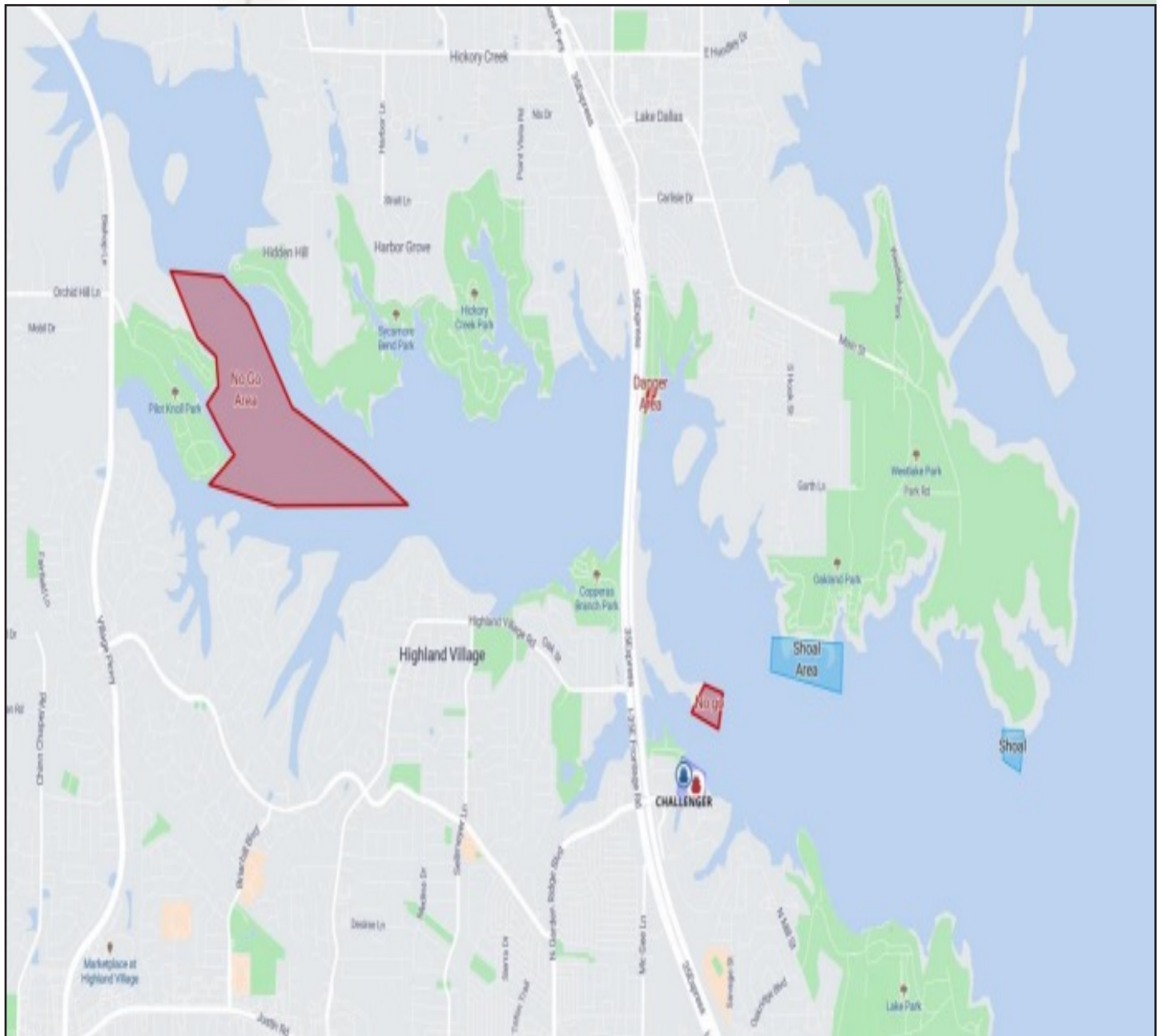
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Doug Thrift (2020-2022)

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We look forward to hearing from you!

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### ABOUT DCYC

Established in 1956 by a group of twelve families, Dallas Corinthian Yacht Club was born a member-owned, volunteer-driven club devoted to competition and camaraderie on the water.

Today, we honor the legacy of our founders; their incredible foresight continues to inspire us as we build on their cornerstone.

