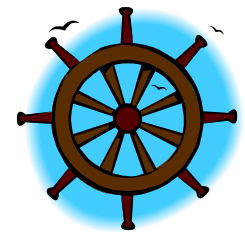


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Activities at a Glance and the LGSC Race Schedule

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DATE	TIME	ACTIVITY
Sat., January 19	4 p.m.	Racing Rules Clinic
		Racer's Dinner Out
Sat., February 16	2 p.m.	Sail and Trim Tactics
	4 p.m.	LGSC Board Meeting
	6 p.m.	LGSC Annual Chili Cook-Off
	7 p.m.	Review the Pursuit Format
		Speaker – TBA
Sat., March 1	11 a.m.	Skipper's Meeting - Saturday Pursuit Spring Series #1
	12 noon	Start - Pursuit Spring Series #1
Sun., March 2	11 a.m.	Skipper's Meeting - Sunday Pursuit Spring Series #1
	12 noon	Start - Pursuit Spring Series #1
Sat., March 8	11 a.m.	Skipper's Meeting - Saturday Pursuit Spring Series #2
	12 noon	Start - Pursuit Spring Series #2
Sun., March 9	11 a.m.	Skipper's Meeting - Sunday Pursuit Spring Series #2
	12 noon	Start - Pursuit Spring Series #2

COMMODORE'S COMMENTS, George Brown

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Winter is on us and typically not much sailing gets done this time of year. The Board is using the time to put the overall schedule together for next year's activities and plan for this year's Gunter'sville Cup. At the December meeting, we have decided to continue with all of the activities we completed last year and add several new ones. We will start with a clinic on racing rules on January 19th, followed by dinner out with the group. Then in February, we will kick off our regular 3rd Saturday schedule with a 2pm sail trim and tactics clinic, followed by the Board meeting and then our ever popular chili cook-off. Plan on bringing down your best chili and joining in on the fun.

Our only raft-up last year had 17 boats participate, and all had a great time, so this year we are planning three raft-ups with the first on May 3rd. We are also adding 3 moonlight sails, with the first on May 17th, following our Board meeting and low country boil. You'll need to keep posted on the schedule to make sure you don't miss any of the social activities.

Last year we also had as many, if not more, boats participate in the Sunday pursuit races as the Saturday races. Following that lead, Keith has put together a schedule for both Saturday and Sunday races that include 5 races each for spring, summer and fall, for a total of 30 races. Add to that the Joint Pursuit Race series, the Gunter'sville Cup, Autumn Challenge and several "fun" races and we will have the best season ever. Now we just have to find a way to get the wind to cooperate.

It will not be long and the weather will start warming up and the days will get longer and we can all get back to spending more time on the docks. We have several new members and it is incumbent on all of the rest of us to make sure they feel welcome to all of our activities. Remember, all Board meetings (3rd Sat. of each month) are open to all members and all comments are welcome. We will usually have some sort of social or educational activity associated with the 3rd Saturday meetings, so plan on joining us. On any given Saturday evening, when there are several members around, we will usually decide on a local restaurant for dinner and all are welcome to join us.

Well, it's winter and the snow is flying out west, so I've got to get back to packing for our annual ski trip. We look forward to seeing all on the docks soon.



FROM THE RACE CHAIRMAN,
Keith Kuhlman

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Just got back from winterizing the boat. Not sure why as the weather has been good to great. Just no time to get out in it!!!

Dick Potter and I got inspired last weekend to prepare for the Guntersville Cup and developed a “healthy” schedule for this year. Dick will post the Guntersville Cup Notice of Race (go to the LGSC web-site www.lakeguntersvillesailingclub.com for the notice of race and entry form)so you can garner the particulars from that. Basically it will start with a dinner and skipper’s meeting Friday night, April 18th. We will start the race bright and early Saturday morning, April 19th, and try for three races. That way we can allow one throw out incase you have a little difficulty during one of the events. We follow it up with a super dinner by Kathy and the Social Committee and an awards presentation. Plan on it!! We will have several fleets and prizes covering accomplished as well as beginning sailors so there will be something for everyone.

We went whole hog on the pursuit races. There will be 30 races in all broken up into six different series. There will be a separate Saturday and Sunday series in the Spring, Summer and Fall. That makes up the six series. Within each series there will be five races with two throw outs allowed. Therefore you only need to make it to three races in any one series to be prize eligible. Lots of opportunity to sail!!! We will have awards for the winners of each series as well as an overall Club Champion and Most Improved Sailor. The awards are courtesy of an anonymous donor. Thank you very much!! We will also be starting the Saturday races later, noon, and the Sunday races earlier, noon again. Theory was that it was tough for the out-of-towners to get to the club early on Saturday. Then, we were hoping they might stay over, race on Sunday and have plenty of time to get home. Let’s plan on some Saturday night dock parties!!!! Bev and I might even stay over for that.

Still going to do the Joint Pursuit with Brown’s Creek but I am going to move them to Sundays instead of Saturday. It is easier to coordinate to their schedule since the vast majority of their races are on Saturdays. We will start these an hour later, at noon. Plan is for four Joint Pursuits and the first lap of the Great River Race to count in this series.

We are going to try some fun, non-race events. I think rafting up is great be we never get very coordinated. So we decided to just say there will be a raft up at Short Creek the first Saturday of each month, May through August. We also had a great time on the one moon light sail we did in October. So let’s plan on that as a standard event. There are a few others so see the list of Fun Events.

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I hope we do not burn out with this aggressive schedule. Dick and I will be looking for all the help we can get. The good news is the laws of probability say we will have some windy days for racing!!!

LGSC WEB SITE!

<http://www.lakeguntersvillesailingclub.com>

Need pictures to post on the web site. Please e-mail to sailor@mindspring.com. Thank you!



Our web site has a new look, links to other sites, the latest activities, and even a 7 day weather forecast; that is Lake Gunterville Sailing Club weather. So before you pack up the car, check the web site (unless you already live in beautiful Gunterville) to help you plan your sailing adventure.

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NOTICE OF RACE 18th ANNUAL GUNTERSVILLE CUP REGATTA

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Lake Guntersville April 18 & 19, 2008 Hosted by Lake Guntersville Sailing Club

The Lake Guntersville Sailing Club (LGSC) is pleased to invite you to participate in the 18th Annual Guntersville Cup Regatta to be held out of the Lake Guntersville Marina (formerly Anchorage Marina) Rte. 431 north of Guntersville on beautiful Lake Guntersville, Alabama. This is a one-day, two-or-more races regatta.

Schedule of Events:

1800 Friday April 18	Spaghetti Dinner Social	LGSC Club House
1900 Friday April 18	Skippers Meeting	LGSC Club House
0730 Saturday April 19	Coffee, Juice, etc.	LGSC Club House
0925 Saturday April 19	Warning Signal 1 st Race	Lake Guntersville
0930 Saturday April 19	Starting Signal 1 st Race	Lake Guntersville
ASAP* Saturday April 19	Warning Signal 2 nd Race	Lake Guntersville
ASAP + 5 min Saturday, April 19	Starting Signal 2 nd Race	Lake Guntersville

A 3rd Race may be run Saturday April 19 ASAP after the 2nd Race, if time is available.

1700 Saturday April 19	Social Hour	LGSC Club House
1800 Saturday April 19	Garner's Famous Rib Dinner	LGSC Club House
1900 Saturday April 19	Awards Presentation	LGSC Club House

*ASAP - As soon as possible after the preceding race.

Rules: The Regatta is open to all mono-hull sailing boats with an enclosed cabin and greater than 20-ft. waterline length and will be governed by the 2005-2008 Rules of Racing, the prescriptions of the US Sailing Association, the Navigation Rules International/Inland Waterways, and the Sailing Instructions.

Fleets: There will be three fleets: A-Open Portsmouth with Spinnaker, B-Open Portsmouth without Spinnaker, and C-Novice for owner/helmspersons who have never competed in an organized sailing race before. Portsmouth Ratings will be determined by the Race Committee based on the data required to complete registration. In the event a fleet is over-subscribed, the Race Committee may divide the fleet into two separate classes. In the event there are too few boats to constitute a fleet, the Race Committee may determine in which of the remaining fleets those boats will compete.

Sailing Instructions: Will be available on the LGSC web site on-or-about April 1, 2008 and also available at the Skippers meeting, 1900 Friday April 18 at the LGSC Club House.

Course: Races will be held in the Tennessee River between the Siebold Light and the Upper Guntersville Light with the start in the vicinity of the Short Creek Light.

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Prizes: Separate awards will be given for up to three places in each fleet having at least eight boats. The Race Committee will award Special Prizes as it sees fit.

Registration Forms: Entry/Registration Forms are available at the LGSC Club House and on the LGSC website at: <http://www.LakeGuntersvilleSailingClub.com>.

Further Information: Contact Keith Kuhlman at **256 582-1108** or by e-mail at: bkkuhlman@hotmail.com.

All registered boats are invited to dock overnight on Friday & Saturday nights April 18 & 19 at the Lake Guntersville Marina (formerly the Anchorage Marina) at no charge. Please contact **Quill Briggs, Dockmaster** at **256 652-0916** for reservations.

NEW OWNER INFORMATION

Please make slip checks out to:

Lake Guntersville Resorts, LLC
404 Montgomery Street
Gadsden, AL 35901

Please **FIRST** contact Quill Briggs, Dock Master, for **ANY** problems, request or suggestions.

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