

# The Binnacle

A newsletter of the



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## Lake Guntersville Sailing Club

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<http://www.lakeguntersville.com>

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### Activities At A Glance...and the LGSC Race Schedule

- Sat., March 25 - 10 a.m. Pursuit Race
- Sat., April 1 - 10 a.m. LGSC Board meeting in the clubhouse.
- Sat., April 1 - 10 a.m. Race Instructions. 12 to 4 p.m. Race. 6 p.m. Social.
- Sun., April 2 - Daylight Saving Time Begins. Turn those clocks & watches forward 1 hour.
- Sat., April 8 - Guntersville Cup Practice Race. 10 a.m. skipper's meeting w/ a 12 noon start.
- Fri., April 14 - Newsletter articles due to Marsha! (includes something from the Social Committee and the Commodore)
- Sun., April 16 - Easter Sunday
- Fri. April 21 - 6 p.m. Guntersville Cup Skipper's Meeting & Dinner
- Sat., April 22 - Guntersville Cup w/ an 11 a.m. start.
- Sat., April 29 - Guntersville Cup Rain Day
- Sat., May 6 - 10 a.m. LGSC Board meeting.
- Sat., May 6 - 6 p.m. Social.

### COMMODORE'S COMMENTS



Sea ya, Charlie

From "*A Lubber's Dictionary*"

**Admiralty Law** - Convolutated body of law which regulates behavior at sea. For example, under admiralty law, captains may perform marriages at sea, but not divorces, bar mitzvahs, or most forms of brain surgery; the eating of one individual on a lifeboat to sustain the lives of the others is permissible under some circumstances, but certain recipes, such as casseroles and all but a few cold dishes, are forbidden, and although it is considered improper for a captain to maroon his passengers on some godforsaken island inhabited by unpleasant natives, this stricture does not apply to Bermuda.

## **FROM THE RACE** **CHAIRMAN**



**Our first event of the year will be March 25<sup>th</sup>.** It is the first of our “Cruiser Pursuit Series”.

We had a great turn out at the Chili Cook Off to inform everyone how the pursuit format works and to give out a few tips on how to make your boat faster. Amazing enough everyone stayed for the entire presentation with no heart burn!! The chili was great but it was spicy!!

We sure want to encourage everyone to come out for the Pursuit. If you are unsure about taking your own boat out come on down Saturday morning and we will get you matched up with someone. If you do want to try out your luck in a first timers racing format but are a little nervous give me a call and I will see if I can get someone to go along with you to get you started. The whole deal is about participation and having fun.

So come to the club house at **10 am Saturday, March 25<sup>th</sup>** for some discussion and information on our first Pursuit Event. We will cover how it works, give some tips on sailing, line up some help if you need it and be on the course at noon.

**The Guntersville Cup is Saturday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>.** This is our premier event of the year and I am looking forward to lots of participation. The Skipper’s meeting will be Friday night at 6pm. There will be hamburgers and hotdogs and lots of “sail tales”. The race will be Saturday at 11am. We will be starting in the State Park area and hopefully doing two laps down to Upper Guntersville Light and back. So no bridge passage!!! **Pre-registration is April 8<sup>th</sup>.** Forms are on the website or at the club house. So save \$10 and get your forms in early!! For the very few, I hope, that do not want to sail I will need

some help on the committee and chase boats. So give me a call if you are interested.

There will be three fleets in this year’s event. As always there will be the “hotdog” spinnaker class. However, for the cruisers we will divide the fleet into two groups based on the boats Portsmouth rating. I am not sure where the break will be, but basically we will put the faster boats in one group and the rest in another. This allows for three sets of serious trophies, so sign up and try for some hardware!!! We will also have some special “Race Committee Honorable Mention” prizes that will not be entirely based on your race course performance!!!

**To help everyone out for the Guntersville Cup there will be a practice “race” on Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup>.** We will meet in the club house at 10 am. Do a little sailing instruction and then go out around noon. Rather than do a long distance race, we will do a series of short runs to practice on starting techniques. This is usually a lot of fun and lets you get used to the “excitement” of a standard start in a little more “relaxed” setting.

### ***From “A Lubber’s Dictionary”***

**Racing - Popular nautical contact sport.**

**Regatta - Organized sailing competition that pits your skills against your opponents’ luck.**

**Right-of-way - Nautical legal principle that establishes whether or not a particular boat has the right to ram or the duty to dodge in any given marine encounter.**

**FROM THE DOCK MASTER**

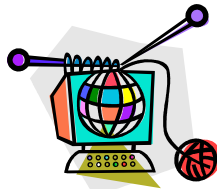


**I have been out in the rain today picking up more cigarette butts from our parking lot. This is an insidious problem and one that we can avoid.**

**It reminds me of a job I hated in service. Don't remind me!**

**LGSC WEB SITE!**

**Our web site has a new look, links to other sites, the latest activities, and even a 7 day weather forecast; that is Lake Guntersville Sailing Club weather.**



**So before you pack up the car, check the web site (unless you already live in beautiful Guntersville) to help you plan your sailing adventure.**

**REMINDER FROM DUANE**



**2006 MONTHLY SLIP RENT FEES**

<b>B DOCK</b>	<b>\$105.00</b>
<b>C DOCK – EVEN #</b>	<b>\$115.00</b>
<b>C DOCK - ODD #</b>	<b>\$130.00</b>

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