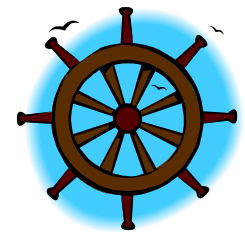


The Binnacle

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Lake Guntersville Sailing Club

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April 2008

Activities at a Glance and the LGSC Race Schedule

If you need crew or want to crew, contact Keith Kuhlman at bkkuhlman@hotmail.com or call 256-582-1108

DATE	TIME	ACTIVITY
Sat., March 29	11 a.m.	Skipper's Meeting – Saturday Pursuit Spring Series #4
	12 noon	Start – Pursuit Spring Series #4
Sun., March 30	11 a.m.	Skipper's Meeting – Sunday Pursuit Spring Series #4
	12 noon	Start – Pursuit Spring Series #4
Sat., April 5	11 a.m. – 5 p.m.	Guntersville Marina Open House
	6 p.m.	Dock Walk Progressive Dinner
Sat., April 6	10 a.m.	Skipper's Meeting – Joint Pursuit #1
	12 noon	Start – Joint Pursuit #1
Sat., April 12	11 a.m.	Skipper's Meeting – Saturday Pursuit Spring Series #5
	12 noon	Start – Pursuit Spring Series #5
Sun., April 13	11 a.m.	Skipper's Meeting – Sunday Pursuit Spring Series #5
	12 noon	Start – Pursuit Spring Series #5
Fri., April 18	6 p.m.	Guntersville Cup - Spaghetti Dinner
	7 p.m.	Guntersville Cup Skipper's Meeting

Sat., April 19	9:30 a.m.	Start of Guntersville Cup
	6 p.m.	Guntersville Cup Awards Ceremony & Garner's Famous Rib Dinner
Sat., April 26		Dauphin Island Race - Mobile
Sat., May 3	11 a.m.	Skipper's Meeting – Saturday Pursuit Summer Series #1
	12 noon	Start – Pursuit Summer Series #1
	2 p.m.	Raft-Up – Short Creek
Sat., May 3	11 a.m.	Skipper's Meeting – Saturday Pursuit Summer Series #1
Sun., May 4	11 a.m.	Skipper's Meeting – Sunday Pursuit Summer Series #1
	12 noon	Start – Pursuit Summer Series #1
Sun., May 11		Mother's Day
Sat., May 17	10 a.m.	LGSC Board Meeting
	11 a.m.	Skipper's Meeting – Saturday Pursuit Summer Series #2
	12 noon	Start – Saturday Pursuit Summer Series #2
	6 p.m.	Low Country Boil
Sat., May 17	7 p.m.	Skipper's Meeting – Full Moon Sail (3days early)
	8 p.m.	Start – Full Moon Sail
Sun., May 19	11 a.m.	Skipper's Meeting – Sunday Pursuit Summer Series #2
	12 noon	Start – Sunday Pursuit Summer Series #2
Sat., May 24	11 a.m.	Skipper's Meeting - Saturday Pursuit Summer Series #3
	12 noon	Start – Saturday Pursuit Summer Series #3
Sat., May 24		BCSA Cruise to Decatur Balloon Race
Sun., May 25	11 a.m.	Skipper's Meeting – Sunday Pursuit Summer Series #3
	12 noon	Start – Sunday Pursuit Summer Series #3
Mon., May 26		Memorial Day

Sun., June 1	10 a.m.	Skipper's Meeting – Joint Pursuit #2
	12 noon	Start – Joint Pursuit #2

COMMODORE'S COMMENTS, George Brown

Spring is officially here, although the weather keeps playing games with us. We've had great weather (and turnouts) for the Sunday races and have had to cancel two Saturday races due to bad weather. This weekend we had plenty of wind on Saturday (gusting regularly to 20 mph), but then it turned cold on Sunday. Soon we'll be able to count on warmer weather. The marina has been alive with activity with several new boats moving in. Hope to see you soon. If you are new, introduce yourself to one of the Board members and they will introduce you to others.

We have something planned almost every weekend for the rest of the spring and summer.

Be sure to keep track of all of the activities so you won't miss any that you are interested in. **On April 5th**, we will host our first marina open house from 11am to 5pm. The new owners are going to sponsor a gourmet hotdog stand and take care of most of the advertising. We all need to get our boats looking good and if you're available, be at the marina to greet our guests. If you are interested in showing the inside of your boat, let us know and we'll give you red ribbons to tie to your stays to signify your boat is open. After the guests leave, we will then host our first ever "Dock Walk". Since we will all be there anyway, let's have progressive appetizers and snack foods starting at 6pm. Each of us will prepare our favorite dish to share and we'll wander from boat to boat enjoying the company of fellow sailors. For the open house, many of us are going to prepare small signs to put on our boats asking guests "No shoes, no food or drinks". Quill will have a sign at the beginning of the dock asking guests not to board any boats without the owner's permission.

Also on the 5th, the Marine Police will be at the marina to conduct boat inspections and issue decals for compliance with the "Marine Sanitary Devices (MSD)" law. You are required to have your boat inspected and display the decal, which is free until this October. I've been told there will be a \$50 charge for inspections after October 1. So while you're there for the open house, get your boat inspected and be in compliance with the law.

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Our biggest event of the year is coming up next month when we host the Guntersville Cup on **April 18-19**. See Keith's article and the race notice for the details. I encourage you all to register and try your hand at the race. If you don't want to race, come out and watch and join us for the dinner, silent auction, awards ceremony and great camaraderie.

We'll have a t-shirt printer that will have Cup shirts and who can print any design you want that day. We also have fun with the silent auction, and still need contributions for the auction. We need new, unique or crafty items that would be appropriate for sale at a marine silent auction. If you want to donate, contact either Bev Kuhlman or me.

For your use and convenience, we have placed an ice machine behind the clubhouse. It is for all club members and is on the honor system. The ice is \$1.00 per bag with a collection can inside the machine. The combination code for the lock is 3320 and is posted inside the clubhouse in case you forget. Let's all take an active role in monitoring the ice machine to insure we can maintain this service.

We have seen several new faces in the past month, which is great. Remember, the Board meetings are open to all club members and we encourage all to come and participate. If you have any ideas, let us know. The more participation we get, the better we can manage the club and help make the time you spend at the lake more enjoyable and educational.

We'll be looking for you on the lake.

Treasurer's Report by Bev Kuhlman

After having a fairly successful fund-raising effort last year at the Guntersville Cup, the Board has tried to identify improvements for the clubhouse and its members. The first easy addition was a new microwave! That along with the new sink and stove, provided by the new owners, we now have our dream kitchen!! No more washing our pots and pans in the ladies room. Many, many thanks to the new owners!

Another improvement will be a bagged ice machine. The board decided that the cost of an ice maker was too expensive. Instead we have contacted Summit Ice and Water Co. which will install an ice box for bagged ice. The ice box will be installed at the back of the clubhouse and will be run on an honor

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system. **We will charge \$1.00 per bag.** There will be a container inside the ice box to deposit your money. We plan to place a combination lock on the ice box. The combination will be posted inside the clubhouse on the bulletin board. **The club is responsible for purchasing the ice and maintaining this service, so please respects the honor system and the combination.** Know you will find this to be of great convenience for us all.

We continue to look for practical ideas to improve our club. If you have any suggestions, please contact any Board member.

And a reminder that we have **club Burgees for sale at \$25.** Show your club colors by flying a flag on your boat.

FROM THE RACE CHAIRMAN, Keith Kuhlman

We are off to a great start...at least the Sunday Series is. So far we have gotten all three races in with up to thirteen boats participating in one event. That was the first Sunday which was a beautiful day, 70 F and reasonable winds. The next Sunday was a little cool and saw us drop to only 5 boats on a brisk and fluky day. This past Sunday was beautiful. Sunny skies, moderate but steady winds, ten boats and a long course for once.



The racing last Sunday was terrific. All boats but one finished within eleven minutes of each other after over 2.5 hours of racing. We had several lead changes and six to seven boats finishing within just seconds of one another. It was great!!!!

George sailed into his typical hole just before the finish and I thought I just might have a chance to snooker him (again!!!). But he held on and finished First!!! Congratulations. Larry came in third by only 20 seconds over Amy and 34 seconds over Sterling. That was a great finish!! Jean-Mark and Dan had a great battle and finished 5 seconds apart. Nice job by all.

Glad to see everyone getting to the line on time. We had three boats hit it perfectly. We also had two boats a little early. I did not penalize them...this time, but must caution everyone that a few seconds (4-5 seconds) early is ok

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but when you are early by 20 seconds or more you need a better clock. From here on I will have to add the over early time plus a minute to your race.

Saturdays have been a little rough. We had to cancel two of the three events due to dangerous weather. Let's hope for a little improvement. But that is the great thing about having both a Sunday and Saturday series. We can usually get one out of two days to be good.

Next events are Series # 4, March 29th and 30th. The following weekend we will be having an Open House on Saturday and a Joint Pursuit Event with Brown's Creek Sailing Club on Sunday. Skipper's meeting for the Joint is at 10 am with a Noon start down by Signal Point Marina.

Time to get your registration in for the Guntersville Cup on April 18th and 19th. We will have a dinner Friday night and go over the racing instructions. Saturday is an early start at 9:25 am so take it easy Friday night!!! We will be trying for three races. Awards will be Saturday night at our fantastic barbeque rib dinner. If you can't make the racing be sure to come for the ribs. Please sign up by Sunday, April 13th as we need to let Garner's know how many meals.

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 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.

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