

The Binnacle

A newsletter of the



Lake Guntersville Sailing Club

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May 2006

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

- 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 - Cruiser Challenge-Pursuit. 11:30 a.m. Skipper's Meeting & 1 p.m. start.
- Sat., May 6 - 6 p.m. Saturday Social. \$5.00/person.
- Sat., May 13 - Cruiser Challenge-Pursuit at Harbor House area. 11 a.m. start.
- Sun., May 14 - Mother's Day!
- Sat., May 27 - Cruiser Challenge-Pursuit at Harbor House area. 11 a.m. start.
- Sat., June 3 - 10 a.m. LGSC Board meeting.
- Sat., June 3 - Cruiser Challenge-Pursuit at LGSC Channel. 11:30 a.m. Skipper's meeting & 1 p.m. start.
- Sat., June 3 - 6 p.m. Saturday Social. \$5.00/person.

THE SOCIAL CALENDER

Just want to remind everyone about our monthly socials on the first Saturday evening of every month at the clubhouse. We always have some delicious food, but the desserts seem to be the big hit! So stop by for dinner at 6:00 pm, then compare your sailing adventures on Lake Guntersville and beyond with fellow sailors and friends. **Mark your calendar for the next social on May 6th.....see you then!!**

FROM THE RACE CHAIRMAN



Well...we have had a pretty good start to our non-competitive sailing event season, i.e. the Pursuit Chase Series. Our first event was with Brown's Creek. We had the start in the area between the old Harbor House and Signal Point Marina. Thirteen boats showed up....that was awesome. As a matter of fact some people I worked with said they saw the event and thought it was beautiful!! That is what we need to promote our sport.

Anyway, the start proved what I feared most. Everybody was timid and most were 1-15 minutes behind their start times. Congrats to Randy Rathman who was only 36 seconds late! Oh well, a few more events and I am

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sure some will be over early. However, the finish was great. A couple of fast guys came in at about 3.5 hours and they were like 6 seconds apart!! The next wave saw three boats fight it out in drifter conditions finishing within minutes of each other after five hours of intense “chasing”. Amazing how good the handicapping system works!!

We had another event up in the LGSC area. Six boats showed up at the start. Again people learned about being close to the line at the start no matter how hard the wind is blowing!!! It WILL die just when you need it the most (just ask Charlie and Deanna). Towards the end five of the six boats were all in contention up until the final beat to windward. One took off, one just could not point that day and three crossed the finish within 1.5 minutes of each other. Again a nice testimonial to the handicapping system. (That first guy gets a 10% add to his handicap!!)

I think if you ask anyone who participated in the Pursuit Series they will tell you it is a lot of fun and really lets you test your sailing skills without being scared to death at the start! As a matter of fact the reaction was so good people begged us to add more events between now and June 3rd. So in response to popular demand we have added two more events in conjunction with BCSA. They will be on May 13 and 27. In addition to that we have Pursuits schedule for LGSC on May 6th and Jun 3rd. So get involved in a fun event either by sailing your boat or jumping on another as crew.

We had a practice starting session on April 8th in preparation for the Guntersville Cup. Unfortunately only Amy and Randy showed up. However, both improved remarkably after four starts. So the rest of you are going to be pretty upset when those two bolt to the front at the start!!!

Hope to see more of you out in our “chase” series in May!!!

Keith Kuhlman

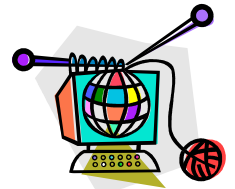
**COMMODORE’S
COMMENTS**



Sea ya, Charlie

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
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2006 MONTHLY SLIP RENT FEES

B DOCK	\$105.00
C DOCK – EVEN #	\$115.00
C DOCK - ODD #	\$130.00

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