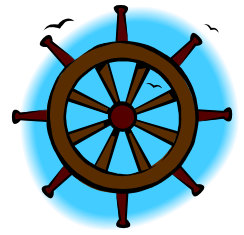


The Binnacle

A newsletter of the



Lake Gunterville Sailing Club

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May 2008

Low Country Shrimp Boil

Lake Gunterville Sailing Club

LGSC Clubhouse

Saturday May 17th, 6:00pm

Please join us for an evening of social fun and
a Low Country Shrimp Boil. (Fresh Shrimp)

\$10.00 per person

R.S.V.P. – by May 9th (need a head count for Shrimp)

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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., 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

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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
Sat., June 7	11 a.m.	Skipper's Meeting – Saturday Pursuit Summer Series #4
	12 noon	Start – Saturday Pursuit Summer Series #4
	3 p.m.	Raft Up - Short Creek
Sun., June 8	11 a.m.	Skipper's Meeting – Sunday Pursuit Summer Series #4
	12 noon	Start – Sunday Pursuit Summer Series #4
Sat., June 14	11 a.m.	Skipper's Meeting – Saturday Pursuit Summer Series #5
	12 noon	Start – Saturday Pursuit Summer Series #5
	7 p.m.	Skipper's Meeting - Full Moon Sail
	8 p.m.	Start – Full Moon Sail
Sun., June 15	11 a.m.	Skipper's Meeting – Sunday Pursuit Summer Series #5
	12 noon	Start – Sunday Pursuit Summer Series #5
Sat., June 21	TBA	LGSC Board Meeting
Sat., June 28	11 a.m.	Skipper's Meeting – Race to Boondocks
	12 noon	Start – Race to Boondocks
Fri., July 4		Fourth of July!
Sat., July 5	3 p.m.	Raft Up - Short Creek
Sat., July 19	TBA	LGSC Board Meeting
	6 p.m.	Dinner
	7 p.m.	Skipper's Meeting – Full Moon Sail
	8 p.m.	Start – Full Moon Sail

COMMODORE'S COMMENTS, George Brown

For those of you who missed the Guntersville Cup, you missed a great one. The social activities, food and fellowship were great and Keith organized a fantastic race event. The wind even cooperated and we were able to get three races in on Saturday. Many said they have never had such a good day on Lake Guntersville, with so many boats and fellow sailors sharing the day. We owe the Board a big "thank you" for all of their fine work and efforts to make this such a premier event. Special thanks go to our co-chairs, Keith and Kathy for heading up the races and social activities.

The silent auction was even more successful than last year, largely due to our excellent sponsors. We need to channel whatever business we can to our sponsors to show them our appreciation. This puts us in the very enviable position of being able to afford spending a little money. We want to spend the money on supplies, tools or activities that benefit the membership the most. We have already bought a new microwave oven and are improving the general functions of the kitchen, in addition to adding the ice machine. We have new race marks (contributed by West Marine) and are looking for ideas that would benefit the most club members. What do you think we should do next?????? Give your ideas to any of the Board members, or better yet, join us at the next Board meeting and present them there. We are always looking for new ideas and welcome any and all club members to come to the Board meetings (**third Saturday of each month**).

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. The first weekend in May we will initiate the summer pursuit race series on Saturday and Sunday with a raft-up in Short Creek on Saturday night. The second pursuit races will be the weekend of the 17th-18th with our ever popular **low country shrimp boil** on Saturday evening. **We need to have RSVP's by May 9th in order to know how much shrimp to order.**

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'll be looking for you on the lake.

Welcome back

Robert and Ann John moved to the dark side and bought a power boat, after being sailors for many years. They have come to miss us and have joined as social members. Expect to see them at the socials.

FROM THE RACE CHAIRMAN, Keith Kuhlman

We had a great Gunter'sville Cup. There were two prime contributors. First Mother Nature finally, after three years, cooperated and gave us steady winds from the West which allowed for a perfect Windward-Leeward course going up the lake. The wind speed was nice in the morning and got rather challenging by mid afternoon.



The second contributor was the racers themselves. Everyone did a great job of paying attention, starting on time and keeping their boats moving. As a result we got in three events and no protests (not that there should not have been a few but they were minor). The Race Committee greatly appreciated everyone's efforts. I thank Beverly and Mary Stewart for sticking it out with me on the committee boat.

At the diner I think everyone felt they had had an exhausting but terrific day, including the Race Committee. The rib dinner really hit the sport and capped a great effort by Kathy Bryant and the social committee to provide great food and drink for both evenings. We had 63 guests for dinner which I think is a record turnout, at least in recent history. Thanks again to all who contributed and participated.

Results were:

Spinnaker Fleet

John Marsh	1 st
Gordon Trowbridge	2 nd
Ed Hurst	3 rd

A Fleet

John Gwyer	1 st
Randy Rathman	2 nd
Larry Bontrager	3 rd

B Fleet

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Jean-Marc Zanni	1 st	(Welcome to "A" Fleet!!)
Tony Martin	2 nd	
Quill Briggs	3 rd	

Overall

John Marsh

Some of you will note the change in finishers in the "A" Fleet. I copied over the wrong handicaps on Saturday evening and that mistake put George ahead of Larry in the second race. I found it later and had to make a correction. My apologies to both Larry and George.

We finished up the Spring Pursuit Series last Sunday with a make up race. We had so many boats within a point of each other we just had to get in the last race. Things started out very slowly and it looked doubtful that we would finish. George got stuck in the biggest hole and watched everyone drift away!! However, the breeze picked up as the clouds began to build. It was down to the wire as a nasty squall hit the fleet near the finish line. Amy just caught the last shift, sneaked out a win with Larry, Sterling and George finishing within a boat length of each other.

That is why the Pursuits are so much fun! We may not have the challenge (and heartburn) of fleet starts but the chasing and finishing has been exciting. Nothing feels better than just holding off an opponent or just sneaking by at the finish for a win. You feel instant gratification, as there is no waiting for the RC to calculate (or miscalculate!!) the results.

Anyway, that race jumbled up the Sunday Series results. Larry's 2nd place kept his grip on the overall lead. Amy's 1st made her tied with George in overall points as they each had a 1st, 2nd and 4th. The tie breaker between them came down to who beat who in the last race. So Amy's "sneaky" win gave her second overall with George third.

The Saturday Series had a tougher time with very poor wind conditions so that only three races were conducted. It became a participation battle with only three racers getting in at least two races. Keith came out on top, Sterling second and Rich Mason third.

Congratulations to all. Everyone is getting their boats moving much better than last year which is great to see. I just hope we can keep it all going in a sprit of fun, focusing on your individual sailing skills and not on my handicap adjustments. I will be making some for the next series in the spirit of encouraging the slower boats and challenging the faster ones.

Summer Series will start this weekend, May 3rd and 4th. Skipper's meetings at 11 a.m. and start at noon. This Saturday we have a raft up planned after the race. I will probably be making a "special" course that will help us end up in Short Creek. So be at the Skipper's Meeting.

Results

			Race #1	Race #2	Race #3	Total	Fleet Place
Marsh, John	S	Hunter 33.5	2	1	1	2	1
Trowbridge, Gordon	S	S2 7.9 GS	1	2	2	3	2
Hurst, Ed	S	Elliot 770	3	3	5	6	3
Miller, Wayne	S	Hunter 34	4	5	3	7	4
Phillips, Sterling	S	Colgate 26	5	4	4	8	5
Gwyer, John	A	Morgan 24	1	1	1	2	1
Rathman, Randy	A	Pearson 31	5	2	3	5	2
Bontrager, Larry	A	Catalina 25	2	5	7	7	3
Beam, Brent	A	Catalina 320	7	3	4	7	4
Brown, George	A	Beneteau 321	6	6	2	8	5
Stapleton, Amy	A	Catalina 27	3	7	5	8	6
Raines, Charlie	A	Catalina 28	4	4	6	8	7
Zanni, Jean-Marc	B	Catalina 25T	1	2	3	3	1
Martin, Tony	B	Catalina 27	4	7	1	5	2
Briggs, Quill	B	Hunter 28.5	3	4	2	5	3
Bryant, Grady	B	Beneteau 323	2	3	10	5	4
Jackson, David	B	Catalina 30	7	1	10	8	5
Plank, Dan	B	Hunter 28	5	5	4	9	6
Mason, Rich	A	Hunter 23.5	6	6	6	12	7
Mason, Clark	B	Hunter 280	8	8	5	13	8
Grant, Peter	B	Watkins 29	9	9	7	16	9
Smith, John	B	Hunter 28.5	11	11	11	22	10

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 Gunter'sville Sailing Club weather. So before you pack up the car, check the web site (unless you already live in beautiful Gunter'sville) to help you plan your sailing adventure.

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