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The Binnacle



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Lake Gunterville Sailing Club

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Editor's Note:

After many years of editing the Binnacle, Marsha Babb, is handing over the duties to me. Thanks so much for doing it and keeping us in touch with the Club News.

We are going to try some new things this year. One will be the new format with an email citing the important news and the Binnacle attached in PDF format. As before it will be available on the website. We hope to do a lot of stories on fellow members and plan to "profile" new members so we all know who they are. As before the Binnacle will be the source of news and events. If you have any stories or even comments please don't hesitate to contact me. Have a great Holiday Season. Sterling Phillips.

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Did you see the Club Burgee up in the left corner? These are for sale for \$25. See Beverly Kuhlman if you are interested.

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Commodore: Keith Kuhlman
Commodore's Comments

I first want to thank George Brown (and his able assistant, Trish) for serving as Commodore over the last two years. Typically, a Commodore only serves one term and is usually pretty anxious to retire when it expires. However, last year when we became aware of the change in the marina ownership, the board knew we needed a capable leader and spokes person to help us through some uncharted waters. George agreed to stay on and we are all grateful he did. He not only fostered a very amicable relationship with the new owners (note all the nice clubhouse improvements) but kept a very full agenda of club activities moving forward. I have not been a member for long but these have to have been two of the best years for the club in a long, long time. Thanks George.

The new board met at the end of November to begin setting the agenda for next year. The new members are:

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| Tony Martin | Vice Commodore |
| Trish Brown | Rear Commodore |
| Amy Stapleton | Secretary |
| Beverly Kuhlman | Treasurer |
| Dick Potter | Race Chairman |
| Sterling Phillips | Binnacle Editor |

We are all excited to carry on some of the traditions started over the last couple of years, add in a few new ones and overall make sailing and participation in the club a more positive experience for all club members. Sailing is an interesting endeavor. Participants range from the “Mad Dog” Racer to the “Reclusive” Cruiser and all types in between. But whatever your interests, the goals of the Board are to provide an inclusive environment for all types of sailors and to help all members improve their sailing skills.

While “chasing” will remain a mainstay of our program we hope to expand our activities in cruising, rafting, instruction and overall socializing. We now have the City Docks and the State Park as a bit of a “sailing destination” (we were quite a hit when six of us docked for the afternoon and lunched at Craw Mamma’s). Let’s do more of that. We plan to religiously have a social dinner the second Saturday of each month (and a few in between) followed by an instructional program with topics from cruising the inland waterways to docking and all sailing skills in between. Finally, we are going to try some things to help new members feel more welcomed sooner as well as help us old folks remember our dock mate’s name a little longer!!

It is all pretty ambitious and hopefully worthwhile. Stay tuned next month for more fantastic details (and requests for volunteers)!! As with all great endeavors it is going to take a little help from a lot of folks to make it happen. Here’s hoping for a great sailing season in 09!!!

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