



THE BINNACLE

Lake Gunterville Sailing Club



The Lake Gunterville
Sailing Club Board
of Directors
wishes
you and your family the
best of Holiday Greet-
ings and a very Happy
New Year.

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I would like to wish all you Binnacle Readers a very Happy Holiday and Great New Year. It's hard to believe but I did the first Binnacle after inheriting it from Marsha in December 2008. It's been a lot of fun and has morphed into a bit more than simply reporting on events and a calendar as we have used the power of Email to keep everybody informed and hopefully increase participation in the Club's Activities.

I suppose eventually we may have to embrace some even newer technologies but for the present we'll stick with the same format. The Binnacle is available by Email and is always posted on the Website and archived back to 2006. Just go to lakeguntersvillesailingclub.com/news. And speaking of the website there is also a Calendar kept there as well as other information. Telephone and email contacts for the Board and this year there will be a place where both skippers and crew can exchange information. And there is now a Yahoo User's Group called Lake Gunter'sville Sailing Club Racing which will allow racers to exchange information and post racing results and crewing opportunities. More on that in January. There will also be a telephone number that can be used to determine if the racing for a particular day has been canceled when the weather is hopelessly unsuited for a race because a lot of you don't live five minutes away as I do. More on that in January.

The board met in December and has already tentatively arranged a full schedule of racing and also non racing sailing events, social events, dinners, and so on. It looks to be a really fun year with some novel and new ideas.

If you didn't attend either the Annual Dinner or the Christmas Dinner at the club you missed some great food and company. The Christmas Dinner had so much fantastic food it was hard to know where to start. I counted forty eight people. Slightly less than the previous year. But a great turnout.

The weather has been great and we have managed to get out on the water four times in December. Hopefully it will continue. However there have been some pretty cold nights and the water and pump out have been turned off for the season.

Reflecting on the year I've thought about all the great times out on the lake and admit I always stop and ponder the fact so many people never use their boats. Hopefully some of the events the board is planning for the coming year will get more of you out on the water.

Now I mentioned (quite a few times) that I would love to have your sailing stories, biographies, pictures of your sailing dogs, grandchildren, or anything else you think might be interesting. Being a sailing Junkie I can come up with all sorts of things to write about but I think the most interesting stories we had last year were those written by the members. Let me know what you want in the Binnacle.

The Sailing classes were a real success and a whole lot of fun to help with. At least five of our students have now purchased boats. Not all of them at our Marina. Fleet is busy right now thinking up ways to get more people on the water. And one thing that was proposed was some sort of refresher course for anybody who feels their skills might need some honing.

And anytime you have an idea, issue, complaint, or just a question about the club the board is always happy to talk to you. Dick Potter (Compact 20, Pabt II) John Streatfeild (Hunter 30, Magic) Fleet Willoughby (Capri 25 ,Kamakaize) and your Editor (Colgate 26, Volant) are all on B dock. Ed Miller (Hunter 28.5, Outrageous) is on A dock. Stop by anytime.

And again Best Wishes for a GREAT NEW YEAR. Sterling

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