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Tell Tales

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Schedule of LTYC Events

EVENT	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
Ice Breaker Cruise	25-26 March 2006	Check with Cruise Director	Belews Creek Lake
Saturday Summer Series	1 April 2006	Skippers Meeting 1030 hrs	Lake Townsend Marina
Sunday Summer Series	2 April 2006	Skippers Meeting 1000 hrs	Lake Townsend Marina
Board of Directors Meeting	Thursday, 6 April 2006	1745 hrs	Benjamin Branch, Greensboro Public Library
Sailing Instructors Meeting	22 April 2006	0900-1100 hrs	Lake Townsend Marina
Jordan Lake Cruise	22-23 April 2006	Check with Cruise Director	Jordan Lake
Power Boat Class	29 April 2006	0900- 1500 hrs	Lake Townsend Marina
Board of Directors Meeting	Thursday, 4 May 2006	1745 hrs	Benjamin Branch, Greensboro Public Library

Summer sailing is around the corner!

The first weekend in April is the start of the summer sailing season. Sailors emerge from their winter retreats and gather to re-acquaint themselves with the joys and rigors of sailing. April is a busy month with the first summer regattas and several classes and meetings to organize the year's activities. Be sure to take advantage of the Power Boat Class if you are slated to be a sailing instructor or to be on a race committee.

A Successful Race Management Seminar

Seventeen Lake Townsend Yacht Club members and one Oak Hollow Yacht Club member attended the

Race Management Seminar on March 11 at Greensboro College. John and Gracia Slater from Lake Norman Yacht Club presented an overview of the Race Management Team, the Team Member roles and skills needed. He introduced several forms and methods to more easily manage a successful regatta. Vice Commodore Esther Khoury supplemented the Slater's presentation with a review of the Club's equipment available for the Race Committee. Esther also explained the techniques used to score a handicap regatta. Often the first boat across the line is not the winner after the corrected time based on boat handicap is calculated.

Thanks to Esther Khoury for organizing the Race Management Seminar, Paul Leslie for procuring the

lecture hall and Jean Leslie for setting up the room and breakfast treats.

Power Boat Class

Tom Clark will conduct a powerboat handling class on Saturday April 29. We will meet in the classroom at Lake Townsend. It will start at 9am and will continue until around 3pm. Remember to bring a lunch. There is no charge for members. Everyone is invited to attend. This class will be very beneficial to all. Everything from trailer launching to boat handling will be discussed. No powerboat experience is necessary.

Students are asked to go by the Lake and pick up a copy of "Boating Basics". These are available in the Wardens Office. Please review this material before class.

Each person will need to bring a life jacket.

Make your plans now! Let Randy Crum if you plan to attend. rbc@triad.rr.com

Introduction to Racing Class

The Introduction to Racing Class will be held for one week from May 1 through May 7. Members must register no later than April 19, and there must be a minimum of six boats and a maximum of twelve boats. Several handouts will be given to each student, which have to be ordered in advance of the first class meeting. Registration after April 19 cannot be accepted.

Registration is to be made with Jere Woltz at jereholtz@att.net. Those members registering who have a boat should use their boat to become more familiar with it's set-up and handling while those who do not yet own a boat may use the city's rental boats.

The class will meet on Monday and Wednesday at the Smith Senior Center from 6:30 pm to 8:45 pm, and at Lake Townsend Marina on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 5:30 pm until the lake closes at

8:30 pm. On Saturday and Sunday, the class will meet at the marina beginning at 9:00 am.

There is no fee for the class that is open only to members of Lake Townsend Yacht Club.

A Sailing Instruction Explanation

A frequent question about the Sailing Instructions regards Instruction 5.1. Here is an explanation.

5.1: Signals made ashore will be displayed on the port spreader of the club's flagpole located near the Lake Townsend Marina boat ramps.

Navy and yacht club "flag poles" are copies of the aft mast of old sailing ships which had a gaff (the spar upon which the head of a fore and aft sail is extended) and yard arms or spreaders which extend from one side of a ship to the other and are attached to a mast.

Looking forward on a ship, the port spreader is on the port side, the starboard spreader is on the starboard side and the gaff extends aft.

At Lake Townsend when looking at the water from the parking lot while standing behind the flag mast, the port spreader is on the left side of the flag mast.

Thanks to Jere Woltz for this information.

Changes in the 2006 Sailing Instructions

The new 2006 Sailing Instructions (SIs) will be published in the LTYC 2006 Directory that is targeted for distribution beginning the first of April. Many people have put a great deal of time and thought into creating the 2006 version of the SIs. First, there was the SI Review Committee that consisted of Bill Grossie, David Young, Esther Khoury, Lew Johnson, and Rudy Cordon. In addition, Jere Woltz and Joleen and Eric Rasmussen provided the Committee with valuable feedback and suggestions based on their experience with organizing and running races. I want to thank all

these people for their efforts. They helped us produce a great set of supplemental racing rules for LTYC.

Our goal in reviewing and revising the Sailing Instructions was to accomplish several things:

1. To simplify the SIs when appropriate. In particular, we wanted to eliminate repetition of rules already covered US Sailing's The Racing Rules of Sailing: 2005 - 2008.
2. To conform more closely to the standards and guidelines articulated in The Racing Rules of Sailing: 2005 - 2008.
3. To clarify confusing statements and to correct errors.

After you have had an opportunity to review the new Sailing Instructions, look for a series of articles in subsequent newsletters on the 2006 SIs. These will explain some of the changes we made and the reason for these changes. This review should give us all a good opportunity to refresh ourselves on the particular rules that govern racing on Lake Townsend. I look forward to seeing you at the Saturday and Sunday Series beginning in April.

Esther Khoury, Vice Commodore

Pursuit of Spring Race 20 May 2006

From junior sailors to old salts and everyone in between, notice is given the Pursuit of Spring Race is coming on Saturday, 20 May.

Family members and guest are encouraged to participate. The only rules one needs to know are basic seamanship and sailing rules such as starboard tack has right of way over port tack, a boat being overtaken by another boat has the right of way, a leeward boat has right of way over a windward boat, and how to tell time. This is carefree racing for everyone, regardless of whether you have raced

a boat. This event is just as much fun for the day sailor or cruiser as for the avid racer.

Pursuit races are designed to be a carefree, entertaining, stress free way to participate in a race, even if you have never raced before, with your friends and family aboard. The race differs from a standard handicap race in that the race is run for an exact length of time, with the slowest boat starting first followed at intervals by progressively faster boats. The handicap allowance takes place at the start of the race instead of the end of the race. If all boats sail equally well to their handicap, they should all finish at exactly the same time! The first boat across the finish line is the winner.

At Lake Townsend, we have two courses that can be sailed, depending upon the sailing conditions. The course lengths are five and nine miles. Once the race is started, it cannot be shortened nor changed.

All sailboats that have a handicap are eligible except sailboards, which are not permitted on the lake.

If you do not have a boat, keep in mind that members can rent the city's sailboats at the marina.

Following the race, the club will have a social and possibly dinner.

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For Sale, Lease, Rent etc.

BOAT SLIP FOR RENT AT ORIENTAL

Private dock with water, electricity, & dock box on Whittaker Creek. Just up the creek from the marina with 5-foot controlling depth. \$125 per month, contact David Duff 336-282-7773 h 336-605-4257 w david.duff@analog.com

SAILBOAT FOR SALE!

Mirage 5.5 -- 1984 Cabin Cruiser \$2,900. (Lots of Extras) Mirage 5.5 on Magictilt Trailer, (new wheels, hubs & bearings, w/ bearing buddies) 4 HP 2stroke Mercury Motor, with new spring assist Popup motor mount. Call Bill Snider at 336/349-6755.

Our policy on ads:

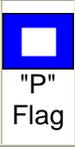
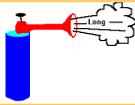
We will accept advertisements for the sale of sailboats from anyone!

We will accept advertisements for the sale of equipment or slip rental etc only from Club members.

The Editor

The Race Starting Sequence

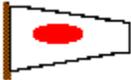
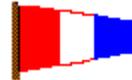
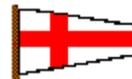
Often the most confusing part of any sailboat race is the start. We came across this chart on the SAYRA web site that provides an explanation of the starting sequence and the visual and sound signals. Note that the visual signal governs the race; the sound signal is just to call attention to the visual signal.

Title	Visual Signal	Sound Signal	Time to Start
Warning	Class Flag(s) Displayed. These may be Sailboat Class flags i.e. for the Flying Scot fleet or they may be numerical pennants.	1  Short Sound	5* minutes
Preparatory	 or  or  or  or  	1  Short Sound	4 minutes
	Preparatory Flag(s) Removed	1  Long Sound	1 minute
Start	Class Flag(s) Removed	1  Short Sound	0

* or as stated in the sailing instructions

The warning signal for each succeeding class shall be made with or after the starting signal of the preceding class.

Numerical Pennant may be used as class flags.

Pennant 1	Pennant 2	Pennant 3	Pennant 4	Pennant 5
				
Pennant 6	Pennant 7	Pennant 8	Pennant 9	Pennant 0
				

March 2005 Frostbite Series Results

Skipper	Boat	Race 1	Race 2	Series Total
Hemphill, J	FS 4043	4	6	34
Morris, S	FS 3500	3	3	26
Rasmussen, E	TNZ 232	7	7	24
Russell, J	FS 2300	5	4	20
Fragakis, J	LASE 1664847	-	-	16
Cordon, R	Capri	-	-	14
Lupton, F	FS 3638	-	-	12
Gunn, S	FS 1104	6	5	11
Young, D	FS 2252	-	-	8
Bageant, G	TNZ 690	-	-	7

Call People. Go Sailing.

In an effort to involve more sailors in the Club's Sailing Events and Racing Programs, this "Available to Crew" list is published in each newsletter. The people listed have taken our Learn to Sail class or have other previous sailing experience and are looking to get more time on the water. So, if you have a boat and would like to participate in the Summer or Frostbite Race Series, why don't you call one of these folks for your crew? Alternatively, if you need a cruising partner on your boat or would like to team with someone on one of the city sailboats for a day sail or a race, contact someone on this list. If you would like to add your name to the list, contact John Hemphill, Treasurer or Bill Grossie, Newsletter Committee (See the Help Lines box located in this newsletter).

Available To Crew

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