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## Tell Tales

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### Schedule of LTYC Events

EVENT	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
Sailing Instructors Meeting followed by the Work Day and Social	21 April 2007	0900 - 1100 hrs	Lake Townsend Marina Classroom
Board of Directors Meeting	Thursday, 3 May 2007	1745 hrs	Greensboro College Campus in Room 226 of Proctor Hall West
Saturday Summer Race Series Begins	Saturday, 5 May 2007	Competitors' Meeting 1030 hrs	Lake Townsend Marina
Sunday Summer Race Series Begins	Sunday, 6 May 2007	Competitors' Meeting 1000 hrs	Lake Townsend Marina
Spook Race	19 May 2007		Has been cancelled!
Edenton Cruise	25-27 May 2007		Check with Cruise Director Steve Raper
Mayor's Cup Regatta	2-3 June 2007		Lake Townsend Marina Assistance is still needed! Contact Joleen Rasmussen

#### From the Commodore

I hate to report that there was no racing on our first weekend of the summer series. Cold temperatures and high wind caused races to be cancelled on Saturday and Sunday.

Our first work day of the year is scheduled for next Saturday, April 21st. It coincides with sailing instructor orientation which will be held that morning. We have a number of projects that we need to take care of and we need your help. If you can give us a hand on this day, please get in touch with Vice Commodore John Hemphill.

I hope to see you all soon!

George

**Take a look!!** The Lake Townsend Yacht Club is featured on the South Atlantic Yacht Racing Association (SAYRA) web site during the month of April! Check it out! [www.sayra-sailing.com](http://www.sayra-sailing.com)

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**April 21: Work Day and Social**  
 Submitted by John Hemphill

Since there was no racing for the third month in row because of cold and blustery conditions, members spent time sitting in the classroom at the marina talking about sailing and racing. Then, someone mentioned the state of our three powerboats, our storage shed, and the city's rental fleet used for the sailing classes. Lake Townsend

Yacht Club is blessed with some of the best equipment resources of any small yacht club in the state, but it takes quite a bit of volunteer time to maintain the good condition of this equipment. To this end, the club board of directors has declared April 21<sup>st</sup> a "workday" to be followed by a social with food and beverages.

The day will actually begin at 9 a.m. with a meeting of instructors and assistants to review the course syllabus, instructional strategies, procedures and rigging of the boats. If you've volunteered to be the lead or assistant instructor for one of the sailing courses, please try to attend this session.

All members are invited to help repair, clean, and organize our boats, racing gear, and instructional materials. The club will provide the tools, materials and the culinary rewards for all the volunteers. Join us on Saturday, April 21, and let's getting ready for a new season of sailing.

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**No experience required!** Even if you do not sail, we invite you to help on Race Committee. Maybe someone in your family is in the race. There are several tasks which are not physically demanding and no knowledge of race rules or procedure is needed. For instance, raising one of the starting flags when directed to do so. Spend a great day on the committee boat helping out and enjoying the racing action from the best seat in the house. Contact us now and we'll get you onboard!

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### **BELEWS LAKE CRUISE**

**Submitted by Cruise Director Steve Raper**

We had a good turnout for the first cruise of the year and it was a great way to start the season. With record breaking high temperature of 80 degrees, it was a 'shorts and T-shirt' day. Sailing with George Bageant on his Paceship 23 (C'est la Vie) was Bill Byrd and Keith Francies. Wayne and

Peggy Jones brought their Catalina 22 (Lazy Days). Martin O'Brien and Adam Zahand sailed with Steve Raper on Flying Scot 4051 (Baby) and John and Susan Hemphill and company sailed on Flying Scot 4043.

We all arrived at Carolina Marina around 9:30 and proceeded to rig our boats. The wind looked good and Baby was the first one out. Of course, by the time we launched it had lightened considerably. We were entertained by two very friendly ducks that swam next to our boat for a good while until we picked up speed and sailed up the channel a ways. I promised them some bread from my lunch if they were still there when we came back. We all sailed or motor-sailed to the main channel and then down past the islands and towards Humphries Ridge. The wind was light but we were getting some good fills until about noon when it mostly died for awhile. All boats had VHF radios and motors so it was easy to keep in touch and get around the lake.

It was time for lunch anyway, so we decided to raft-up. Belews is a very deep lake and the first spot I picked, which was fairly close to shore, was over 60 feet. I do not (yet) have a depth finder so George sailed in and called out some depths over the radio until we found a better spot. We got Baby set on her anchor and C'est la Vie and Lazy Days rafted up to her. John had sailed back in and would return later after picking up Susan. This would be a good test for my little Danforth S-300 anchor because the wind had picked up and we were slowly swinging back and forth as much as 120 degrees. I do have six feet of chain on it though and it held without a problem. Everyone had lunch, relaxed and just watched some of the other boats and activity on the lake. At one point, a boat came by pulling four female skiers who were lined up in water show fashion. Harold Isley dropped by on his C-Dory 22 and visited with us for awhile.

The wind continued to pickup and we decided it was time to break out of the raft-up and go sailing. Lazy Days peeled off and then C'est la Vie was next but

we found the anchor line was fouled around her keel. Some ideas were put forth, but in the long run all we had to do was to wait until the wind shifted back and the line was clear. So, check to see that your anchor line is clear before boats start peeling off. John had returned by this time and we met him coming down the channel. He had been trying out a British Seagull motor that George was selling and ended up leaving with it. We had plenty of wind and sailed for awhile before finally giving it up and heading in. My thanks to everyone for making this a great day! It was especially meaningful for me because on this weekend twenty years ago, I rigged and sailed my new Flying Scot for the first time at Lake Townsend.

Hopefully, some of you can join us for a few of the upcoming cruises. Let me know if I can do anything to help make that happen.

Cruise Director,  
Steve Raper

**Other upcoming cruises**

- June 22 - 25 Oriental to Beaufort (Cape Lookout)
- July 27 - 29 Smith Mountain Lake, VA (20th Annual Flying Scot Fleet 126 Cruise)
- August 25, 26 Jordan Lake
- September 22, 23 Belews Lake
- October 18 - 21 Ocracoke

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**Here Comes the Judge!**

For the past four years, Eric has participated in the SAYRA (South Atlantic Yacht Racing Association) Judge-in-Training (JIT) program. With US Sailing Judges as his mentors Eric traveled to regional events, partook of the yacht clubs' hospitality, and, when needed, chaired protest committees. In March, the US Sailing Judges Committee met, reviewed Eric's qualification, and awarded him US Sailing Judge certification.

With only four US Sailing Judges in North Carolina, we have a shortage of Judges. At times, a club needs a judge for an event but cannot get one due the fact none are available. The SAYRA Judges In Training program is designed to help alleviate the problem by developing future US Sailing certified judges from the member population of SAYRA. The program encourages those who are interested in becoming US Sailing judges to learn and develop at their own pace. The intent is to give them confidence and a structured process to move onto certification. As a stepping stone to US Sailing Certification, SAYRA is considering reestablishing SAYRA Certified Judge Program. If you have racing experience, an interest in the rules, and a desire to support the sport, contact Eric, [ejrasmussen@mindspring.com](mailto:ejrasmussen@mindspring.com) 919-732-5410, to learn more about the program, and what you need to do get started.

**Congratulations, Eric, on becoming a US Sailing Judge!**

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**WANTED: ASSISTANT INSTRUCTORS!**

LTYC needs assistance instructors to help with the Learn to Sail classes, NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED! This is a great way to advance your sailing learning curve. I have found that in the past the instructors and assistance learn as much as the students. So please e-mail me if you would like to help. Thanks in advance for making your club #1!

LTYC Rear Commodore  
Starling Gunn

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**BOARD MEETING MEETS ON MAY 3**

The Board of Directors meeting is open to all Club members on the Greensboro College Campus in Room 226 of Proctor Hall West 5:45 PM.

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The Lake Townsend Yacht Club is operated through the efforts of its members. It is important for everyone to contribute his or her time as a sailing instructor, on the race committee or to coordinate and host a social event. Get involved and volunteer!

### SAILBOATS FOR SALE!

**1981 Isotope** - \$2500 with sails and a galvanized trailer. Crossbar, dolphin striker, and trampoline have been replaced and an extension added to the righting bar. Good boat for a beginning racer or someone looking to get back into racing. She won the 2005 Governor's Cup and continues to give challenge to the fleet leaders. Eric and I have owned this boat since 1998. She's gotten us hooked on Isotopes, so much so that we are upgrading to a 2006 model.

Boat specifications at <http://www.intl-fiberglass.com/isotope.html>.

Fleet Activities - <http://www.intl-fiberglass.com/Isotope%20Nationals%202006.html>

Call or email if interested: 919-732-5410; [joleen.rasmussen@bowebellhowell.com](mailto:joleen.rasmussen@bowebellhowell.com)

**Flying Scot 2237** Douglass built in 1972. Sound hull, white with light blue deck, re-conditioned Sterling trailer with new tires and wheels, two suits of sails, plus extras, in fair condition, New equipment and rigging, \$3000 Located in Greensboro, Contact: Randy Crum 336-656-0970, [rbc@triad.rr.com](mailto:rbc@triad.rr.com)

**1984 Precision 16** LOA 16' 3", Beam 6" 8", includes main and jib sails, Suzuki DT outboard and trailer. Recent bearing replacement on trailer. Motivated seller \$1,900 or make offer 336 286-0299

**Vanguard 470**, one main, two jibs and a spinnaker and comes with a trailer. We're asking \$1900, but might be willing to negotiate if we get a decent offer soon. Contact Clay Johnson at [CLAYCARY@aol.com](mailto:CLAYCARY@aol.com) (The original owner sailed it in the Olympic trials in 2000)  
Great providence!

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## 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 Bill Grossie, Newsletter Committee (See the Help Lines box located in this newsletter).

### Available To Crew

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## No Races in April