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Tell Tales

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Schedule of LTYC Events

EVENT	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
Frostbite Series	5 January 2008	1030 hrs	Lake Townsend Marina
Board of Directors Meeting	3 January 2008	1745 hrs	Greensboro College Campus in Room 226 of Proctor Hall West

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Frostbite Race Series continues on Saturday January 5. The Competitors' meeting is at 11:30am

The Change of Watch Banquet - Mark it on your calendar!

The Change of Watch Banquet will be January 19th at Mahi's. The cost will be \$15.00 per person. Reservation forms will be sent within the next 2 weeks.

It's time to renew your membership.

The membership renewal forms will be mailed within the next two weeks.

The start of the Frostbite Season

December 1 was a perfect day to start a winter sailing season in central North Carolina. The morning was a bit nippy, but hot cocoa was available in the classroom and the 11:30 competitors meeting gave plenty of time for the weather to warm up to

the high 50's. It also gave time for the morning breeze to drift away.

Trusting to the forecast, the signal boat headed out immediately after the meeting; directly to the middle of the lake to look for and wait for...you guessed it... wind. Five sailboats slowly sailed out of the Marina, four Scots and a Capri. 11:25 approached with just a tease of wind, maybe a bit over a knot. Boats were still clearing the Marina.



11:30, RC hoisted AP (with two horns). The action continued on the Signal boat. We had wind to

measure and track. 2 knots, first off the dam, then of the golf course, 1.5 knots, now out of the cove (directly opposite the golf course....). but 2.3 knots. The very experienced Lake Townsend race committee didn't mind the shifts at all as long as we had a bit of wind. The wind seemed to be settling just to the left of the dam. Signal hailed SCAT 1 (mark boat) that the wind was settling in. SCAT 1 advised just getting the last of the boats out of the Marina, they would motor on over and drop the mark on their way out of the marina. (how convenient)

While setting the course, RC noticed one more sail on shore, looked like a laser, must be Phil. RC deliberately set a short starting line. As the last mark was dropped, the laser was in the water, and SCAT 1 hustled to the marina to check in the laser and offer a tow to the sailing area. Yup, it was Phil. Great thing about a laser, Rig and in the water in 10 minutes.

RC dropped postponement and went into sequence. SCAT 1 dropped the tow. RC missed the Preparatory signal and hoisted AP. RC restarted the sequence. Meanwhile... What was the wind doing? It was almost behaving itself. It was holding above 2 knots and staying in the general area of between the marina to the right and the duck blind to the left. Only one time did it come off the golf course during the starting sequence. 1 minute before the gun, RC focused on watching the starters. Flying Scot 4043 was perhaps a bit early to the line but maybe he would be OK. 15 seconds before the start, John (FS 4043) was about 1.5 boat lengths from the line. John decided to do a turn and was 20 seconds late on the start. Hmm, should he have luffed rather than turned? Great think about being on Race Committee, you have lots of time to discuss the options amongst yourself while the sailors head to the weather mark.

The sailors had a great first race of the season. During the two laps, the winds shifted left and right, many times, even almost turned off for a

brief time or two for grins and giggles. Flying Scot 1104 worked his magic with the winds and had a very nice lead rounding the leeward mark the second time. Starling and Reid were having so much fun, they continued to sail back up to the weather mark, outside of the finish line, while all of RC watched. Starling did not go too far past the finish before he noticed something amiss. Maybe the RC body signals gave something away, or maybe it was the blue "On Station" (ready to take finishes) flag flying from the stanchions.



During the second race, the winds actually picked up to 5.2 knots and the sailing really got exciting. The laser handicap is very close to the the Flying Scot. Going downwind, a laser will pass a Scot if the Scot doesn't fly the spin. After round the weather mark the second time, Starling brought out the Spinnaker, and John and Jason followed suit. Steve Raper had a nice lead, but as the two spin boats ate up half the distance, RC could see some color coming out of Steve's boat. RC greatly enjoyed watching the battle between the Laser, Scots, Capri and spinnakers. Spinnakers? Yup. Flying Scot 4051 was having some technical difficulties, and it's colors did not want to seem to fly. Or to quote Keith, "My captain did a great job of compensating for his mate's "senior moment" when we tried to put up the spinnaker the first time that day, but we did manage to get it up and sailing and we needed it to stay ahead of the pack. The first race we couldn't quite stay ahead of Starling though - but we agreed a second place to him is not too bad. "

After a few moments, the spinnaker colors flew and Steve & Keith made it to the leeward mark keeping a respectable lead. As they crossed the finish line first on the second race - Keith was grinning ear to ear to the race committee boat - Keith has been accused of being "competitive" - and after that race, he has to admit he is.



Steve and Keith were not the only ones have fun with their Spinnakers that day. I'm sure I saw one hour glass displayed for a while by FS1104. Wendell, Anne, and Alex were having a grand time practicing not only Spinnaker flying but having Anne on the helm. Girls Rule. Girls Drive. (Notice, the skipper above is wearing the red jacket.). Definite "Kudos" to Alex as the youngest (and possibly the best!) spinnaker trimmer out that day.



RC offered a one lap race for fun, and everyone stayed out on the lake, Steve and Keith to cruise and take pictures, while the others had another go at each other. At the start of the third race, Starling and Reid sailed back around the committee boat. Only when RC inquired "Starling, what are you doing?" did Starling notice that the others were heading towards the weather mark as if they were racing.....Starling had been so focused on coaching, he missed the start.

Have you ever been in front of Starling and have him slowly or not so slowly chew up your lead? Adam had gotten comfortable with the Capri, and kept up with Scots, finishing with a 2nd place in that race, ahead of Starling!! Had it been a two lap race rather than one, Starling may have had John H gnawing away the last bit of his bit cigar.

A measure of a great day on the water... the cigar is practically gone. Or every boat loudly thanks race committee as they finish. Both work!!

It was really great seeing so many new sailors out sailing and learning from the slightly more seasoned sailors. Speaking of "seasoned", I wish each and everyone one of you a very joyous holiday season, and may you find a new pair of winter sailing gloves under the Christmas tree.

Submitted by Joleen Rasmussen

Photos by Steve Raper

Other hi-res photos are posted at

<http://laketownsendyachtclub.com/steve>

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;

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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 (The original owner sailed it in the Olympic trials in 2000)

Great providence!

12'2 ft. Howmar daysailer/racer for sale in Greensboro. (don't know year) Designed by Sparkman and Stephens. A great boat for kids, very fast and tippy. 90 sq. ft. of sail with jib. Beam 4'10". 86 long trailer. \$1500 for both, includes both sails, etc. Appraisal done in 2004. Call Carole Drexel - (336) 274-4789 or cdrexel@triad.rr.com

14 Force 5 sailboat with trailer - \$550. Ready to sail. Excellent boat for single-handed daysailing and racing. Contact David Layton at 336-643-0282.

*Best Wishes for the Holidays from the
Officers and Board of the Lake Townsend
Yacht Club!!!!*



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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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Frostbite Series

Winter 2007/2008

Open Monohulls

Skipper		RC duty	Class	Sail #	Total	December		
						1	2	FUN
Andrews	Phil	N	LASE	69511	11	6	5	7
Gundlach	Wendell	N	FSCT	4416	7	3	4	3
Gunn	Starling	N	FSCT	1104	14	8	6	4
Hemphill	John	N	FSCT	4043	12	5	7	5
Raper	Steve	N	FSCT	4051	15	7	8	
Zahand	Adam	N	CAT142		7	4	3	6