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Schedule of LTYC Events

March Madness	Mar 12	11:00 AM	Lake Townsend
Powerboat Skills	Mar 26	9:00 AM	Lake Townsend
Board Meeting	April 7	5:45 PM	Greensboro College Campus in Room 226 of Proctor Hall West
Miss Piggy	April 9	11:00 AM	Lake Townsend
Piedmont Cup Challenge	April 10	11:00 AM	Vista Point, Jordan Lake
Full Calendar is posted on the website, both a one page version and a month by month.			

Mark Your Calendar

Piedmont Cup Challenge-CSC vs. LTYC-April 10th, Vista Point, Jordan Lake. Update the Participation [Scratch Sheet](#) if you will be helping us leave the rubber chicken at CSC. Notice of Race is at the end of this newsletter and on the website.

Snowflake Race

It was a sunny day for the Snowflake races, with 7 Scots, 1 Lightning, and 2 Lasers at the Lake for what we hoped to be our first race for the 2010-2011 Winter Series. Hudson Barker was PRO. Bill Byrd was present to make sure our engines would crank after three months of quietness. Rachel and Wanda had the sailors well fueled with hot egg casserole and coffee in the morning, followed by a social at the shelter after racing. The class room was full to overflowing for the Competitor's Meeting. Only one tiny problem – was there too much wind? The Scots decided to head out three-up, so a couple of boats stayed mast down in the parking lot. The winds were coming slightly from the right side of the lake, shifty as usual. RC decided to set an easy course – Start-1-Finish, with the Finish in the direction of the Marina. Before RC could get the course set, two of the Scots retired, leaving 2 Scots, 1 Lightning, and 2 Lasers to start the race. It was a match race from the get go for the two Scots with a Starboard/Port challenge right at the start. Due to rigging delays on shore, the lasers were late to the start, but managed to catch up with the Scots on the downwind leg as the winds picked up. It looked like the laser was going to pass the Scots, then slam, too much wind and the laser was over. Jack Griffin

took first followed by a new club member, Chris Herman, second, and yet another new club member, Jim Swartz – placing 3rd. As RC watched the first finishes, all they saw were transoms as the finishers headed to shore. The excitement wasn't over yet. It looked like Gavin Andrews was going to pass his dad. RC watched as Gavin stayed close to the golf course, and then crossed the portside extension of the finish line, which is to say, Gavin did not cross the finish line. Gavin had decided to not try the jibe to make the finish line, but rather continue his fast path towards the Marina. Phil Andrews righted his laser and finished 4th. Not to be outdone, the Winds took Gavin over anyway, and then Phil went over again. SCAT boats were close to assist, but being lasers, assistance was needed. Signals highest wind reading was 13knots, but SCAT 1 reported the wind gusted to 20 during the downwind leg. Once again, Hudson got to fly N over A, but at least he got one race in before doing so. Congrats! Hudson on your first Race as PRO and to Gavin for staying upright in 20 knots of wind, at least for a little while.



Jack Griffin pulls off a Port/Starboard leebow on Chris Herman, and doesn't even look back.

Introducing Team Townsend

Lake Townsend members are invited to sign up for Team Townsend. Tom Bews would like to campaign his 1973 C&C 30 at Blackwater Yacht Racing Association, Pelican Point Marina, Smith Mountain Lake, Virginia.

(www.byrasailing.org) Tom needs crew: all positions available: driver, mainsheet trim, jibsheet trim, foredeck, pit, sewer, tactician, galley crew; etc. Tom is working on the boat with the hopes of having it ready for the first spring race-April 2. To help with keeping travel cost down, the boat serves as a sleep aboard, or for those who want a bit more space, Tom's house is also an option. Carpooling is a definitely encouraged. Skippers meeting is 11:00am on Saturday. Detailed logistics will be worked out as we find out who's going, when.

This invitation is open to all LTYC club members: new members, student members, old salts, yes spouses too. All are encouraged to participate. Maybe we compete one day, maybe we are out there for all 8 races and the spring invitational. This is a not miss opportunity!! Don't worry if the Scratch Sheet has lots of names, we will work something out. Notice from the list below that positions are available where experience is NOT required.

Requirements:

- Participate in boat maintenance activities.
- Bring own PFD.
- HAVE FUN
- Learn
- Sign up on the Participation Scratch Sheet for days of interest-one day/every day.
- Submit newsletter article – one volunteer each race day. (Editor threw that one in.)



Eight Bells – Herb Bodman



1986 LTYC
Commodore's Dinner
Jefferson Pilot club

Herb was a life-long avid small boat racer, active in Windmills, Flying Scots and Tanzer 16s. Herb was also a blue water cruiser and sailed his Shannon 28 outside from Deltaville to Maine annually for many years. Herb was a US Sailing certified Judge, served on the US Sailing appeals committee and was Area D Race Officer in the early 2000s.

Herb joined LTYC in 1979, was awarded Member Emeritus in 2005, and sailed up until his stroke a few years later. LTYC honored Herb's memory and contribution to sailing and to Lake Townsend

with a moment of silence at the January Competitors' Meeting.

Be a Fan on Facebook



LTYC has a Facebook page. If you want to keep up with what is happening at LTYC, what other club members think about You Make the Call, LTYC Trivia, become a Fan. Help promote our club in the region.

What's a Scratch Sheet?

A few years back, big regattas started posting scratch sheets on the internet to drum up interest and promote participation. As there is typically no cost to signing up, Scratch sheets give a good indicate of who is thinking about going to an event. It helps the organizers plan and prepare for the event. Last year, LTYC set up a Scratch Sheet in Google documents for its events. It was a good move. This year, we have the sheets posted for all the events through June. If you expect to be at some of our upcoming events, take a few moments to step through the different Scratch Sheets and let us know to expect you. Don't worry about last minute change of plans, Scratch Sheets are only an indication of your intentions. If you need crew, want to crew, would like to help with the social, or have some other creative idea, just list it in the Scratch Sheet. The Scratch sheet is available from the home page or the LTYC Website.

Powerboat-Mar 26

LTYC offers a Powerboat handling seminar each year with actual time on the RC boats, learning best practices and each boat's idiosyncrasies. You will practice starting, docking, driving the boat. The is a must attend course for any members who expect to find themselves on a Mark boat this year and is a great follow-up to the BIMBO seminar last month. Sign up on the –yes, you got it – Scratch Sheet.

Sailfest-May 28

Time Critical!!

Greensboro Parks & Rec would like to sponsor a sail fest Saturday, May 28 at Lake Townsend to kick of the 2011 sailing season. We need club boats signed up on the Scratch Sheet by mid March for the club to be able to commit to sponsor the event. If you think you may be able to participate, please sign up immediately.

2011 Directory

As of March 2, our membership count is at 42 with 5 new members. If you are a prior member and have not yet renewed but planning to do so, please send in your membership in the next week to make the deadline for the Directory. Electronic updates will be made throughout the year, but the hardcopy only goes to print in late March.

Meet a New Mate

by Steve Raper, LTYC Membership Director

Welcome to our first time members!

Carmen and Michael Dohmeier - took a basic sailing course some years ago and are looking to freshen up and improve their skills. They joined us at the Change of Watch.

Charles Halipilias – received his membership as a gift from daughter Stephanie. Charles learned to sail on Lake Norman and had a Hunter 23 for three years. He has since been sailing Hobie Cats and Flying Scots in Clearwater, Florida and Myrtle Beach.

Lacy Joyce – is currently building a 13' 9" sea skiff. Lacy passed the NC boaters license course and is saving for a small cruiser. He came to the January Frostbite and joined the club that day. Lacy has been an active volunteer since and would like to improve his sailing skills. He discovered the club when he drove by Gunn Automotive and spotted Starlings cruiser. He stopped in to see if it was for sale, met Starling who gave him a tour of his awesome boat. Thanks Starling!



Jim Swartz – sailed his Lightning in the Mayors Cup last season and has been competing in the frostbite series. Well showing up anyway, and wanting to get out on the water. Jim is very helpful on the water and at the docks and scores AAA rating from Hudson! Jim' son-in-law, David, sometimes crews with Jim, otherwise Jim is looking for crew.

Chris & Gabriel Herman – first sailed with us at the Mayor's Cup in a Precision 185. They had their challenges in the first race, but got it together to finished 4th out of 14 boats in the second race. Those watching the race thought at the time, there's talent and determination on that boat, we really hope we will see them again. We later learned that Gabe was very proud to wear his Mayor's Cup T-shirt. To our surprise, Chris showed up for the first frostbite event towing a Flying Scot, previously owned by Wayne Jones.

Not members yet but ..

Mark Holland – lives in Danville, Virginia and is looking to buy a used Flying Scot. He would like to learn more about our fleet and also how to rig and sail a Flying Scot. His daughters sailed at Camp Seafarer and he and girls plan to take our Learn To Sail class.

Joe and Gen Wroblewski (row-bless'-key) – are both sailing enthusiasts, attended the last Frostbite race, took photos to share with us and attended the BIMBO seminar in February. Gen works weekdays but Joe is retired and would love to crew or skipper during the week. They live in Winston-Salem.



Always have a Plan

As much as we really want to be out on the water 12 mths out of the year, sometime Mother Nature has other plans, and being the well prepared sailors that we are – So Do We – Strategy!!

- 9:15 5 knots
- 10:00 Grits, Egg Casserole, Coffee
- 10:15 7 knots, 10:20 Sunshine
- 10:30 10 knots
- 10:50 14 knots, 21 Sailors, 4 dogs
- 11:15 17.9 Gust N over A
- 1:30 21 knots, Chili and beverages

January 8 was not a Race Day. Instead twenty-one sailors honed up on "Preparing a Race Strategy": a plan for getting around the race course as quickly as possible given the risk level the skipper is prepared to accept. At Lake Townsend, there is risk everywhere. Don't go to the corners. Eric Rasmussen led the discussion, with very involved group participation.

Many of us can easily give examples of Tactics – what we do to get around the course quickly, but we have less practice in describing our Strategy.

Is the below Strategy or Tactic?

- I'm going to stick close to Starling
- There are 5 races, I want to finish each race in the top 4
- I want to start at Race Committee
- I'm going to stay on the right side of the course.
- Never Give Up

If during the starting sequence, you are telling your crew your plan to get to the weather mark quickest, then you are describing your strategy. It is OK to change your strategy.

What affects your Strategy? Below are bullet points on what was covered during the presentation.

Wind Conditions

- One Side is Favored – wind is better than somewhere else
- Go where the wind is
- If the wind is stronger on the left side of the course, a strategy might be to start at the Pin.
- If the wind is stronger on the right side of the course, Start at RC, tack to port.

Oscillating Wind - Most common at LTYC

Sail the lifted tack ; Tack on the headers

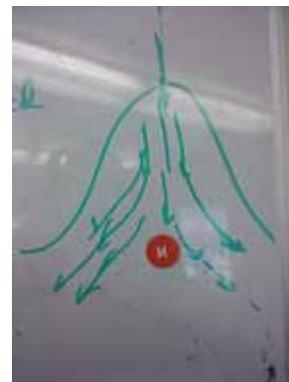
Downwind – jibe on the lifts

Persistent Wind

Sail headed tack
"Great Circle" – take your knock early, when it's smaller

Shore Affects

- Lift at the Golf course
- Thermal in the trees
- Conundrum Effect aka Mystery Cove Vortex - there is wind in the Cove, but not the middle of the lake



Mystery Cove Vortex

Greensboro Power Squadron

by Bill Young, LTYC Junior Director

I am a strong believer in education. I wanted to know all about sailing and cruising so I took the Lake Townsend Sailing course and I went to take several ASA courses on sailing in Miami.

There are many, many ways to learn about cruising, sailing and on the water information among them the ASA courses, US Sailing courses and one I hadn't learned of – the US Power Squadron.

Bill Young learned information on sailing safety from the US power Squadron. From Bill:

“LTYC members who may be interested in chartering larger boats, possibly in the Caribbean, might want to consider starting the process by taking a boating course offered by the Greensboro Power Squadron, which is the local unit of the United States Power Squadrons.

The course is called America's Boating Course-see www.americasboatingcourse.com and <http://www.onlinegreensboro.com/~power/onedaybc.html>. It is a National Association of Boating Law Administrators (NASBLA)-approved course, which means

- 1) It satisfies the NC law requiring that anyone under 26 must have taken a NASBLA-approved course to operate a boat or PWC in NC waters.
- 2) It exceeds criteria of the US Coast Guard's Recreational Boating Safety Program, and
- 3) many marine insurers give a discount on premiums if you've taken a NASBLA- approved course. It is a comprehensive introductory boating course (like your freshman year "Survey of World History" course) which used to be taught one night a week over a period of 7 or 8 weeks but which has now been compressed to one day so as to be less disruptive to people's schedules.

Greensboro Power Squadron (GPS) will next be offering the course April 9. I've spoken with the course director about the potential interest in the course by some LTYC members, and GPS would be very happy to have LTYC members take the course. The course is open to the public, and the class size limit is 40, first registered, and first served. The class usually cost \$55, but GPS is currently offering it for free and includes a proctored exam. . The course materials are available for \$35, which includes a 200+page manual, a CD for home study, an electronic charting DVD with electronic navigational charts of much of the USI suspect LTYC members will find, as I did when I took the course, that their boating knowledge is already quite strong in some areas, but that their knowledge of other aspects of boating is sketchier. I think there's real value in taking a course that addresses all the areas this course does, and in leaving with a manual that has all this information in one place.

Now, a word on behalf of GPS itself, I'm a sailor, but I learned about the Greensboro Power Squadron/US Power Squadrons when I was in the process of buying my cruising sailboat and found that all the serious cruising sailors I met were in GPS/USPS. In fact, the organization is about half

sailors and half power boaters, despite the name. Whereas LTYC excels in introducing the public to sailing and in racing small boats on lakes, the USPS is more about cruising bigger boats and about boating education. They offer a truly outstanding series of courses (each meeting weekly for a period of several weeks to a few months) covering all aspects of recreational boating--inshore, coastal, and offshore. Courses include Seamanship, Piloting, Advanced Piloting, Junior Navigation (intro to celestial navigation), Navigation (celestial navigation), Weather, Sail, Cruise Planning, Marine Electronics, and Engine Maintenance. I have taken them all, and have taught several of them, and I can vouch personally for the quality of the courses. I think the LTYC members who are considering chartering cruising sailboats would do well to consider expanding their boating education, beginning with a NASBLA-approved course such as America's Boating Course (or the US Coast Guard Auxiliary's Boating Skills and Seamanship course) and continuing with the USPS series of courses.

Again, details on the April 9 course can be found at <http://www.onlinegreensboro.com/~power/onedaybc.html>



LTYC Trivia

How many times has Piedmont Cup Challenge been held and how many times has LTYC won the Challenge?

Post your answer on [LTYC's Facebook](#) page along with any comments about prior PCC you've attended, challenges to CSC, or general encouragement to leave the chicken at Jordan Lake. A link to our Facebook page is on the home page of the website or search Facebook for Lake Townsend Yacht Club. Don't have a Facebook page and not at the point where you want to make one, email joleenrasmussen@embarqmail.com or call 919-732-5410 with your answer.

Sailors Go Green

Sailing is naturally sustainable in that we use the wind, a renewable energy. Simplified, sustainable sailing is “do no harm”. One area that we can contribute more is to decrease the amount of plastic water bottles we use. LTYC has started awarding BPA free beverage containers. As the weather warms up, our Social directors will have water available for refilling reusable containers. Watch for more information in the upcoming newsletters.

Sailing Classes

Lake Townsend offers sailing classes during the summer. There are 6 adult sailing classes starting May 2. Each class runs 8 days and cost \$80. Times vary slightly but from about 5:30 to 9 during the weekdays, and 9-noon on Saturday. There are 3 junior sailing classes starting June 13, lasting 6 days from 8:30am to noon. \$90. Print out a registration from the website, or pick up a brochure in the breezeway next to the Park Rangers Office. Space is limited. Sign up Now.

You Make the Call

Two 18ft dinghies, Yellow (Y) and Blue (B) are sailing downwind toward the finish line. Both boats are on starboard tack, and Y is to leeward of B. The boats are overlapped with B slightly ahead. No other boats are nearby.

Y initially heads directly towards the finish pin (making B sail a course that would miss the line), but when they reach the three-boatlength-zone, both boats turn dead downwind. There is less than one boatlength between Y and the finish pin, and B pulls in her mainsheet to avoid hitting Y. B is still barely ahead, but shortly after her bow crosses the line, B's hull touches the finish pin.

The operator of a Race Committee Mark Boat stationed at the pin sees B contact the mark, and informs the Principal Race Officer. He cannot hear the sailors aboard the two boats, so does not know if either has hailed "Protest". The boats cross the line completely, and then sail back to shore. Neither one flies a red flag.

Questions:

1. Which rules apply to Y? Did Y break any rules? If so, which one(s)?
2. Which rules apply to B? Did B break any rules? If so, which one(s)?
3. If neither boat files a protest on shore, what should Race Committee do about B hitting the mark?
 - a. Nothing?
 - b. Score B DNF?
 - c. Score B DSQ?
 - d. Protest B?
 - e. Something else?
4. If Y protests B for hitting the mark, what should the Protest Committee decision be?

If you think you know, just have a guess, or have any questions, post them to the Lake Townsend Yacht Club [Facebook Page](#). We'll collect up your answers and Eric will give his analysis in next month's newsletter.

Looking for

... a *Flying Scot* to charter for the 2011 season at Lake Townsend. Terms negotiable. Alan Taylor - 530-263-3009(m)

Sailboat for Sail

1981 Isotope \$\$Price Drop\$\$ - \$2000 with sails/galvanized trailer. Many parts replaced; enhancements made. Good boat for a beginning racer or someone looking to get back into racing a cat. She won the 2005 Governor's Cup and continues to give challenge to the fleet leaders. We have owned this boat since 1998. She's gotten us hooked on Isotopes, so much so that we have upgraded to a 2006 model.

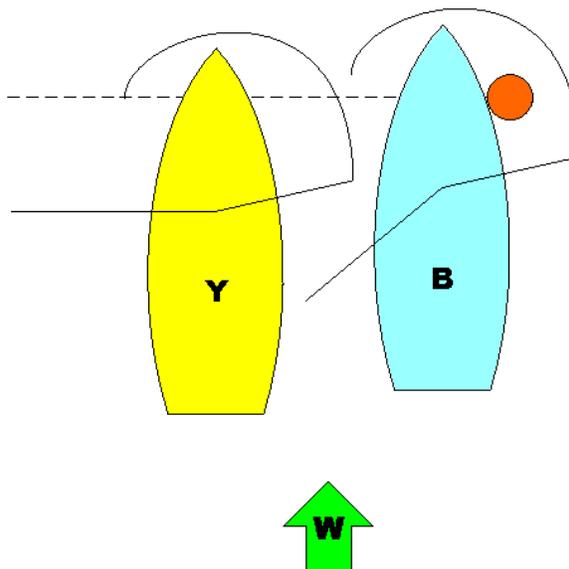
Boat specifications:

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

Fleet Activities:

- <http://www.intl-fiberglass.com/calendar.php>

Call or email Joleen (see Help Lines) if interested.



How's Your Winter Project

During January's Strategy seminar, Joleen polled the participants for winter projects. Tom Bews offered up that he had one. Joleen checked with Tom a few days back, and progress has not been as good as Tom would like. I think Tom needs some encouragement. Maybe we will see some updates on [LTYC's Facebook page](#). While you are out there, let us know how your winter project is going!

- A) Get the bottom repaired, faired, and painted with racing bottom paint. The accidental launch on the concrete ramp left its mark heavily gouged into the bottom of the boat.
- B) Fair the Centerboard –it's worn on the bottom and is crying to be filled and restored to proper shape.
- C) Change the Jib sheeting arrangement. As is common for Scots, Jib cleat is on the seat, which can be highly uncomfortable.
- D) Improve the Outhaul arrangement on the boom. There is not enough adjustment to take full advantage of shaping the sail.
- E) Change Main Sail Cunningham set up. It has a 4-1 purchase, which is too much and is a pain to install after the mast is raised.
- F) Purchase a TackTic Digital Compass - not having used a compass much in the past, Tom is interested in learning. Tom's regular compass bounces around so much as at his age, Tom finds that the compass is often a fuzz ball, as bifocals on a boat don't work very well.
- G) Purchase a new spinnaker - the current one is six years, old, all white. Boring.

Winter Race Results

Skipper	Designation	Race 1 Feb.
Griffin, Jack	FSCT-5818	7
Herman, Chris	FSCT-4088	6
Schwartz, Jim	LI-12705	5
Andrews, Phil	LASE-185542	4
Andrews, Gavin	LASEM-161267	2/DNF

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Call People. Go Sailing

**** REACH OUT AND CALL SOMEONE ****

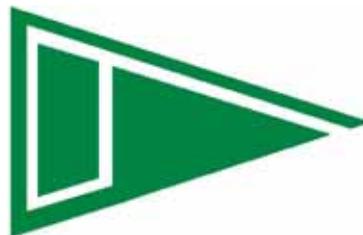
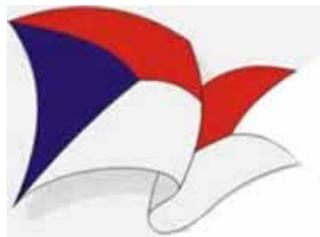
In an effort to involve more sailors in the Club's Sailing Events and Racing Programs, this "Available to Crew" list is published in each newsletter. If you have a boat and would like to participate in the Summer or Frostbite Race Series, call one of these folks for your crew. Alternatively, if you need 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 Joleen Rasmussen, Newsletter Editor (See the Help Lines box located in this newsletter).

Available To Crew

Name	Home Phone	Work/Cell Phone	E-mail
Hudson Barker	336-644-1060		HUDSONBARKER@ATT.NET
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**** Attention**** – Can't remember the password for the login required for the Members Cove area on the website?? There is a ([Need password?](#)) link on the home page of the website. Click on this & it will bring up an email form addressed to our WebMaster with the subject line 'LTYC Members Cove login: - Send me your name and email address to receive login name and password

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**5th ANNUAL
PIEDMONT INTERCLUB
CHALLENGE
SUNDAY, APRIL 10, 2011 – Vista Point, Jordan Lake**

NOTICE OF REGATTA

To promote sailing and interclub camaraderie in the Piedmont region of North Carolina, Carolina Sailing Club challenges the Lake Townsend Yacht Club to a one-day competition.

RULES

The Challenge is a handicapped regatta open to all boats with a U.S. Sailing Portsmouth handicap rating. The racing will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* and the *Carolina Sailing Club Jordan Lake Winter Series Sailing Instructions*.

REGATTA SCHEDULE

Competitors Meeting: 11:00 am
First Signal: 12:00 pm

SCORING

Three races are scheduled, one of which is required to constitute a regatta. The club winning the most races wins the Challenge. The races are scored on a low point system (1st finisher = 1 point, 2nd finisher = 2 points, etc.) For each race, the top five boats from each club are awarded points based on finishing position. The club with the lowest total points wins the race. The winner of the Challenge is the club winning the most races. In the event only two races are held and each club wins one race, the Challenge is scored as a tie.

DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the series regatta at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

SOCIAL

The Carolina Sailing Club will have a Chili cook-off after the race. Participants are encouraged to bring a pot of righteous chili. Hot apple cider will be provided.

FURTHER INFORMATION

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