

# Lake Townsend Yacht Club

# Tell Tales



October 2018



**HOT 7 Coming Up!**

**“Hefferwind” Defined**

**Social Sailing**

**Lotsa stuff for sale**

# Let's Go Sailing!

**Oct. 26 - 28**                      **HOT 7 Charity Regatta**                      **Lake Townsend**

**Nov. 2 - 4**                              **Old Brown Dog Regatta**                      **Catawba YC  
Lake Wylie**

**Nov. 8**                                      **Annual Meeting -North East Park  
Gibsonville**  
(see Scratch Sheet for address & GPS instructions)

**“It is your work in life that is the ultimate seduction.” -  
Pablo Picasso**

## 2018 LTYC Calendar

**Blue=Racing**

**Peach=Social Sailing**

**Classes: Green=Adult; Pink=Junior**

**Gray=Meeting/Seminar/Other**

**Board Meeting 1st Thurs each month**

**Yellow=Holiday**

### October

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6-7 VISA Invitational (Smith Mtn)  
26-29 Hot Regatta

Detailed Calendar on our website

### November

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8 Annual Meeting  
10 Interclub (OHSC)

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### December

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Park closed Wed all year long  
Nov-Feb 8am-5pm & closed Thurs



# OCTOBER 26 ~ 28

<https://earlierorg.salsalabs.org/hotregattacopy1/index.html>

## Schedule of Events:

- \* Friday, Oct. 26      Set up boats at Lake Townsend
- \*                              Jam Session at Ken Butler's
- \* Saturday, Oct. 27      8:30 - 10:00 - Check-in, registration & contl. breakfast
- \*                              10:30 - Competitor's meeting
- \*                              Noon - Warning signal Race 1, additional races to follow
- \*                              Social & Dinner after racing
- \* Sunday, Oct. 28      8:30 - 9:30 - Continental breakfast
- \*                              10:30 - Warning signal Race 1, additional races to follow
- \*                              Social & Awards after racing

# Here's What We're Raffleing for Earlier.org

**A full day rental of a Cal  
24 from Bow to Stern  
Sailing Center at  
Oriental, NC.  
A \$250 value for your  
sailing pleasure.  
[http://  
www.bowtosternboating  
.com/](http://www.bowtosternboating.com/)**



**An overnight stay at  
the magnificent  
Greystone Inn on Lake  
Toxaway!  
[https://  
greystoneinn.com/](https://greystoneinn.com/)  
Unbelievable luxury!**

Editor's note: The following article is a follow-up to AnnMarie Covington's Sailing Savvy article from last month.



## **Some Sailors Have Asked: “What Is a Hefferwind?”**

**By Jim Heffernan**



There is no firm definition; however, it seems to appear randomly on places like Lake Townsend, Lake Wylie, and Jordan Lake and has even been found in faraway places like Florida and Maryland.

The only common element regarding the appearance of this elusive zephyr is that it sneaks up on two Wayfarer sailboats, W1066 and W2458. Perhaps the Coriolis force, moons in alignment, or even the earth's magnetism is affecting the attraction of the Hefferwind to these boats. Or perhaps it's just luck.

Regardless of the reasons and randomness of its cat-like approach, I do have a few ideas that seem to help Linda and me attract this wind to our vicinity.

Keep the boat moving even if it is not going exactly where you want to go. It takes a lot of effort to get boat movement started after losing it. Minimize tacking except in a small puff that might give a little more momentum. If the boat dies after a tack, bear away and keep the sheets eased out until motion returns. It is tempting to sheet in too soon.

The ticklers on the luff of the jib as well as the shroud telltales often give conflicting info. Some visual help can be obtained only from the luff tickler on the leeward side of the sail since the windward tickler is probably hanging limply. Also, the middle tickler on the leech of your jib can give some flow information verifying that you don't have the jib sheet too tight. The shroud telltale will be hanging toward the boat and moving slightly but not truly showing the wind direction. It will be angled toward the center of the boat since the boat should be greatly heeled to leeward. The crew should be hanging out on the leeward side so that the sails will take on some semblance of an airfoil shape and thus generate the Hefferwind.

Both sets of eyes should be looking around the lake for any sign of wind, such as cat's paws or the performance of other boats. Bear away if necessary to get to the new wind as soon as possible. Finally, feel the tendrils of wind on your face and neck and steer the boat to take advantage of the little bit that is there. And move like a cat in the boat so that you don't shake loose the Hefferwind that you worked so hard to get attached to the sails.

# September Social Sail

Photos by  
Eric  
Rasmussen



Logan Hayes teaching sailing skills to the team.

A fun board bash with the High School Sailing Team, new members and unfortunately not much wind. This was the last Social Sail of this year.



Cathy Leonard enjoying her "new" Sunfish



Otto Afanador showing Kimber Russel-Bowman how to be a pirate



JC Aller enjoying a Sunfish



Nancy Torkewitz enjoying an Aqua Finn

# September Social Sail

Photos by  
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Rasmussen

Jack Clodfelter adjusting his Aqua Finn



**Our apologies for not identifying the people in some of these pictures. When you sign up on the scratch sheet we can usually guess your name to go with your picture. Also signing up on the scratch sheet helps us with planning for food and helps the Greensboro Parks & Recreation dept. know how much our club means to their commitment to support us.**

**Thanks!**



# How to Stop on a Dime--Without an Engine!

By Captain John

One of the common questions from new sailors when they learn to sail goes something like this: "How do you stop the sailboat?" This one ability will place you in the top tier of sailing skippers who understand how to stop on a dime-without using an engine!

Multi-time circumnavigator and sailor-supreme Hal Roth once stated, "An engine does not substitute for seamanship under sail..." After all, just how were those unwieldy sailing ships from long ago able to thread their way through deadly shoals, approach an anchorage, or maneuver in battle-under sail alone?

Our modern sailing craft are much more maneuverable than those old square riggers. If you want to become the master and commander of your small sailboat, practice these three maneuvers under sail alone.

## 1. Use the "Gears" of Close Reaching

No other point of sail offers more control than the close reach. You are close reaching when sailing between a close-hauled course (as close as you can point to the wind), and a beam reach (with the true wind at a ninety degree angle to the boat's centerline). Use the close reach to pick up an object or person in the water or approach a dock, mooring buoy or anchorage.

Practice the close reach under mainsail alone. Make up a float from an empty jug with a line and weight tied to one end. Sail downwind to a clear spot and toss your float over the side. When you are about one hundred yards from your float, head up and get onto a close reach. Trim or ease the mainsheet to control your approach. Follow the action steps in the table below.

| Close Reaching Gear-Shift Control |  |
|-----------------------------------|--|
| Desired Action                    | Action Step                              |
| speed up                          | pull in on the mainsheet                 |
| slow down                         | ease off on the mainsheet                |
| stop the boat                     | slack the mainsheet to luff the mainsail |

## 2. When in Doubt, Let It Out

We've all experienced those out-of-the-blue situations where we run out of ideas. Now what, skipper? Steal a secret from the dinghy sailing crowd. In an emergency, let it fly! Ease the mainsheet out all the way. Take the jib or Genoa sheets off the winches and let them go. This spills all of the sailing wind from your sails and your boat will pivot her bow into the wind faster than you can blink an eye.

### **3. Push the Boom against the Wind**

Have you ever watched small sailing dinghies approach a dock. Maybe the dinghy skipper needs to slow down right away. So he or she grabs the sailing boom and pushes it out against the wind. This technique--called "backwinding"--will stop a boat on a dime. Backwind your mainsail if you approach a dock with a bit too much speed. Grab the boom and push it out hard against the wind. It will stop your boat just like stomping on the brakes!

#### **Captain John's Skipper Tips**

<https://www.skippertips.com>

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## *In Memoriam*

### **In Memory of a Great LTYC Friend**

Wayne T. Williams died in a tragic drowning on Thursday, Oct. 4, 2018. He was a part time lake attendant at Lake Townsend and LTYC's biggest advocate. Wayne was a man with many skills and hobbies including fishing, boating, building and flying aircraft and many other activities.

He will be missed dearly. Memorials may be made to Philadelphia Baptist Chapel, 5515 N. Church St., Greensboro, NC 27455.

Godspeed Wayne!

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## Lake Townsend Yacht Club Board

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- \* **You don't have to be a board member to help out. Everything this club does is done by volunteers. Please contact the individual board member to see how you can contribute.**

**Thanks for making LTYC the best!**

**Board meetings are open to all members. They are held the first Thursday of each month at 6:00 at the Bryan Park Golf Course Grill. Come join us!**



**Did you know? . . You can now find a link to sailing instruction videos on our website in the top yellow box that has the Scratch Sheet sign-up.**

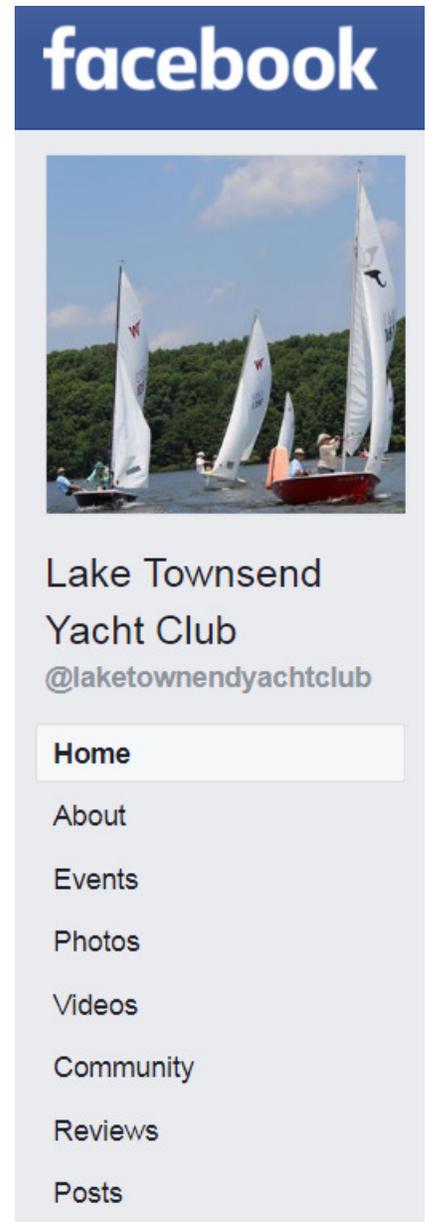
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    - Tag us
  - Write an endorsement for LTYC
  - Like LTYC on the “Like” page
  - Post a review of LTYC on FB
- If you need help to post pictures or a video on our page, please contact JC Aller at [aller.jc@gmail.com](mailto:aller.jc@gmail.com)



Many thanks to JC Aller, Kim Wise, Nancy Collins, Uwe Heine, Mark Hayes, and many others for posting pictures and upcoming events on our facebook page!

Please visit our site and check in or make a comment. Thanks!



**Next Newsletter deadline: November 9**

## Classified Ads

### Buy – Sell – Want to Buy

Boats-Equipment-Accessories — Ads run for 3 months if not renewed.

[newsletter@laketownsendyachtclub.com](mailto:newsletter@laketownsendyachtclub.com)

### Two Sailboats with Trailers for Sale

Catalina 22' with trailer and 9.9 HP Mercury outboard engine. Sailboat includes mast, sails, standing rigging, retractable keel, trailer, outboard engine, fuel tank, cockpit cushions & new companionway hatch boards. Includes boat & trailer titles, & owner's handbooks. Boat hull needs paint and running rigging lines replaced. Asking price \$2,500. Call Sabra Gear at 434-774-4803.

Aqua Cat 12.5 catamaran by American Sail, includes trailer with title. Nice condition, easy to rig & fun to sail. New equipment: Dacron sail (sunrise colors), tiller & rudders, dagger boards, inner & outer spars, & mast head float. Asking price \$1,500. Call Sabra Gear at 434-774-4803. 10/18

### Weta for Sale

2014 White Weta Trimaran #937. 2014 Road King Trailer. Yellow Gennaker (used twice). Gastra Mylar jib used in 3 regattas. Gastra main. Boat cover, tabernacle mast step, non-skid on deck. Other items available including like new 2017 Square top main.

Stored in garage for 2.5 years and under boat cover for 1.5 years in driveway.

\$9,500 complete. 336-209-0328

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### Flying Scot Parts for Sale

FS 1149 parts: centerboard, centerboard winch, mast (with SS collar), boom, rub strip, stem band, rudder gudgeons, bow fitting, rudder assembly, tiller, safety line rings, fasteners. All in VGC; tiller is new. Standing rigging is good. Scott Bogue, [scott.aomci@gmail.com](mailto:scott.aomci@gmail.com); 336-707-9183. 9/18

### Tanzer for Sale

For sale: Tanzer 16. This is a good boat with a good racing record. Sails are in decent shape. Two spinnakers. New Sailor's Tailor cover. Solid trailer. Selling because I need more room for family and guests to cruise the lake. A very good buy at \$1,200. Call JC Aller at [\(336\)580-0528](tel:3365800528) or email at [aller.jc@gmail.com](mailto:aller.jc@gmail.com).

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### **LIGHTNING SAIL BOAT # 12705**

This sailboat is a one design ready to race or cruise.

It includes custom trailer, 3 complete sets of sails (one set 3 years old), 2 spinnakers, stainless steel centerboard, and compass. Cover included.

Can be seen at my house in Greensboro NC. Text me for directions: 336.282.9552

\$ 2200.00. Cash....no trades. Titles for boat and trailer in hand.

Contact: Jim Schwartz

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### **2007 Flying Scot (Kitty Hawk, NC)**

FS # 5767 for sale. 50th anniversary edition. New MAD main sail and jib (sails have been used a handful of times), control lines, rigging, and halyards. Boat is in good shape and ready to sail. Comes with boom/cockpit cover and Tee Knee trailer. Trailer is in good shape with new tires, lights and wiring. Contact: Hardy Peters, East Coast Sailboats 252-489-3491

Free delivery triangle area. Titles for both. \$9,400.00

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### **1980 Catalina 22 for Sale**

In good shape for an older boat, but needs someone with time to invest some TLC. Has a Yamaha 6 HP 4 stroke motor that has just been checked out and is in great shape.

You can see it at Merritt Marine in Hillsborough at I-85 and Hwy 86.

\$1,500

Glenn Edwards <glennedw@gmail.com>

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## LTYC Is Going Green!

Please refuse and return straws at a restaurant or drive-thru. Our goal is no more plastic water bottles, Styrofoam cups or straws in the landfill. Did you know that only about 9% of what we recycle is actually recycled? Have you seen the plastic islands in the ocean? We encourage everyone to bring a reusable water bottle and coffee cup to events at the lake.

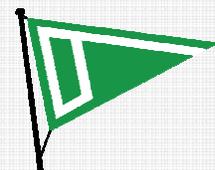


Thanks to everyone's efforts to reduce plastics in our environment. Think about it and please help.

## A Quick Look at Some of the Benefits of Your Membership:



- \* Monthly newsletter
- \* Make new friends
- \* Great food and adult beverages after sailing
- \* Mentors available to help you
- \* Free use of city sailboats during LTYC events
  - \* Free use of club sailboats
  - \* Free boat launching during club events
  - \* Yacht club reciprocity
- \* Continuing education programs



*Etc.*



**Lake Townsend High & Jr. High School Sailing Team members waiting in the sail shed for the storm to stop so they can continue practicing.**

**You can support the team by contacting Mark Hayes, Stephanie Taylor or Alan Taylor.**

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